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## Nuclear power is 'greener' says Thatcher

### Environment 'at risk' from use of coal

- Mrs Thatcher adds a new twist to her enthusiasm for green issues by seeking the expansion of nuclear power.
- She calls those seeking a raft of workers' rights to accompany the single European market "outdated Marxists".
- She backs tougher measures to ensure that those claiming unemployment benefit are actively seeking work.
- And she states for the first time that she intends to lead her party into the next election for a fourth term.

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher has confirmed in an interview with *The Times* today her growing enthusiasm for tackling environmental issues.

However, she makes coal the culprit for acid rain and the "greenhouse effect" that is upsetting weather patterns, and signals her desire for a significant extension of Britain's nuclear energy programme.

In a move that may lose her the support of many Greens, Mrs Thatcher says greater use of nuclear power would have spared Britain many of its environmental problems.

"We have to look at having a much heavier nuclear programme," she said. "No one forgets the 'greenhouse effect' is caused partly because coal has heavy sulphur and nitric oxide in it." (Britain generates about 80 per cent of its electricity from coal.)

"We are already spending a fantastic amount of money on Sellafield and we have to decide what to do with low-level and middle-level waste. But [nuclear power] does not put carbon dioxide into the air."

Asked to respond to Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the European Commissioner who accused Britain of dragging its feet on environmental initiatives in Europe, Mrs Thatcher said: "I had gone the way of France and got 60 per cent of our electricity from nuclear power, we should not have environmental problems."

"Stanley Clinton Davis would have been the first to have been very critical had we said we were not going to buy coal from our own resources but from elsewhere."

The Prime Minister said Britain ought to accept their individual responsibility for the environment, with particular reference to the tidy disposal of litter.

On a governmental level, Britain would support worldwide measures to ban the use of CFC propellants that had damaged the ozone layer.

"I do not want to feel that our generation is bringing about fundamental changes on the earth, leaving debts to future people who have to take severe action," she said.

Mrs Thatcher also doubled her attack on Common Market Commission officials who are seeking to build a raft of workers' rights legislation to accompany the development of the single European market, calling them "outdated Marxists".

So long as she was Prime Minister, she added, there would be no question of British participation in any central European bank or single European currency.

## Leader aims for fourth term

By Robin Oakley

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, in an interview with *The Times* today, gives the clearest sign yet that she intends to lead the Conservative Party into the next election and to serve a fourth term as Prime Minister.

By doing so, Mrs Thatcher, now aged 63, would effectively ensure that the Tory leadership moved on a generation.

If the Prime Minister were to win an election in 1991 or 1992 and stay on until 1994, she gives no hint that she would not serve a full fourth term, then Sir Geoffrey Howe would at that point be 66, Mr Douglas Hurd 64, and Mr Nigel Lawson and Mr Norman Tebbit both 62.

Mr Michael Heseltine, one of the favourites among Tory

## Pledge on compensation



Lady Berry, widow of Sir Anthony Berry, the former Tory MP killed in the Brighton bomb blast in 1984, who has been awarded £24,000 compensation. Review promised, page 3

## Booker Prize goes to Carey

By Philip Howard, Literary Editor

Peter Carey, the punters' favourite, has won this year's Booker Prize for *Oscar and Lucinda*, a tragicomic historical novel set mainly in England and Australia around 1865. Like most of Carey's work, it takes a love-hate satirical view of the roots of his native Australia. It is big, funny and clever.

Oscar Hopkins is a green Oxford-educated person with a secret passion for gambling, by which he has financed his time at Oxford. On the emigrant boat to Sydney he meets Lucinda Lepelstier, an Australian heiress with a passion for glass.

Their tangled love story, encompassing a large cast of extraordinary characters (a trait that has led critics to

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compare Carey to Dickens), ends with a glass church floating up the Bellinger River on a barge in darkest Australia, and a twist in the tail.

Carey was born in 1943 in Bacchus Marsh, Victoria. His parents had a General Motors dealership. He went to Geelong Grammar School (by appointment, finishing school for the Prince of Wales), spent a year reading zoology at Monash University, and his education proper began when he went to an advertising agency, where he still works part-time. He is regarded as one of the best copywriters in Australia.

After two years in England. Continued on page 24, col 6

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**INSIDE**

### Ferry toll may be 470

Rescuers continued the search yesterday for at least 470 people after Typhoon Ruby sank a ferry off the Philippines. Coast Guard officials said they expected to find more survivors. The storm killed 73 people on land, blacked out cities and made 50,000 homeless. As the typhoon headed out to sea, many offices were closed as high winds continued to batter Manila. Page 11

### Foster's HQ for Scotland?

The entire Foster's lager brewing group will be controlled from Edinburgh if Elders EXL, the Australian brewer, wins control of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries.

The promise was made by Mr John Elliott, the Elders chairman, who also promised no jobs reduction in Scotland. No commitment was made for the S&N breweries in England. Page 25

### Manager goes

Mark Lawrenson was dismissed as manager of Oxford United yesterday following his public threat to resign over the sale of Dean Saunders, one of his players, to Derby County. Brian Horton, his assistant, takes over. Page 48

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## Minorco's £2.9bn bid referred

By Colin Campbell

Britain's biggest bid, Minorco's £2.9 billion offer for Consolidated Gold Fields, was effectively stopped yesterday after it was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

ConsGold, the 101-year-old British mining finance house, was celebrating victory after Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, ordered the referral.

Sir Michael Edwards, chief executive of Minorco, said that, under the City's Take-Over Code, Minorco's share and cash bid had lapsed because of the MMC reference.

ConsGold shares fell by more than £1 each yesterday to £1.39.

The Minorco share and cash bid had valued each ConsGold share at around £12.75. Details, page 25

## Lloyds interest on current accounts

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

Interest on bank current accounts will be introduced from next year by Lloyds Bank, the first high street bank to make such payments.

Lloyds yesterday announced its new Classic Account, paying interest and giving a full range of services like a standard current account. It will pay 4 per cent on sums from £1 to £500 and 6 per cent when there is more than £500 in the account.

There are no transaction charges, but if the account is more than £100 overdrawn in any one month a charging period of 22.4 per cent (1.7 per cent a month). Customers now can often negotiate an overdraft at 5 per cent more than the 12 per cent base rate. Existing

## Building societies back legal reform

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor's proposals for a Green Paper which will overhaul the legal profession and its monopolies were warmly greeted by building societies yesterday. They made it clear that they are poised to offer all-in "mortgage and conveyancing" to their borrowers.

The prospect of the Green Paper was also warmly greeted by both the Consumers' Association and National Consumer Council, both pressing for reform.

The association welcomed the prospect of some kind of contingency fee system by which lawyers could take cases on a no-win, no-fee basis, and the council welcomed the change for building societies to offer house-buying packages.

But the legal profession — still absorbing the impact of what promises to be far-

## Building societies back legal reform

reaching legislation — expressed concern yesterday over some of the proposals expected to be in the Green Paper when it comes out in the New Year.

In particular, the Bar indicated that it still strongly opposed — and would continue to oppose — any move to allow solicitors into the higher courts.

Mr Robert Johnson QC, Bar chairman, said the prospect of proposals on this was "certainly very worrying" and he thought the Lord Chancellor was under a lot of pressure from the Prime Minister.

"I think she feels the professions should be exposed to competition in the same way as industry and the trade unions should be exposed."

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## Maude goes to great lengths to keep the mile

By Colin Narbrough



Mr Maude, EEC proposals broadly acceptable

The Government yesterday pledged to defend the pint and the mile as measures dear to the British heart, but said virtually the rest of the country's traditional system of weights and measures were likely to give way to metric.

Mr Francis Maude, the Corporate Affairs Minister, detailing the latest draft directive from Brussels on the use of metric units, said the Government saw no grounds for making unnecessary changes. "We're not going to have to remeasure the cricket pitch."

The EEC proposals, which follow up the metrication directive of 1979, will mean most imperial units, from gills and fluid ounces to inches and yards, will be phased out by the end of 1994.

The troy ounce, crucial to London-based bullion trading, will be exempted. The fathom, already being phased out by the Navy, will be allowed until 1999, as will the heat measure, the therm.

Mr Maude said the EEC proposals were broadly acceptable to the Government. They would provide for permanent exemption of the pint for draught beer and cider sales, and milk in returnable bottles.

To avoid wasting the estimated one billion returnable bottles in circulation for drinks other than milk, the Government is also seeking arrangements to allow the continued use of imperial measure bottles until the end of 1999.

Indefinite exemption for the mile, as a measure of distance and speed on signposts and speedometers, is another Government commitment.

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

## Princess's appeal on safety of toys

The Princess of Wales warned parents yesterday not to turn Christmas into a tragedy by buying their children dangerous toys. She told the annual meeting of the Child Accident Prevention Trust, of which she is patron: "Christmas is fast approaching and the shops will be filled with many tempting toys. I would ask everyone who is buying something for a child this Christmas, however small, to look at it very carefully to ensure it is totally safe."

The Princess said that as a mother of two small and "inquisitive" boys, she knew how easy it was for accidents to happen.

● The Princess Royal called on British companies yesterday to do more to help the world's suffering children. She told members of Save the Children, of which she is president, that 11 firms had joined together to help the fund and were each contributing £100,000 a year. She was speaking at Save the Children's annual meeting in Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

## Students rate teachers

The careers of lecturers at Salford University will be in the hands of their students who will assess their teaching abilities as part of a new system of staff appraisal. Although students will give marks out of 10 at the end of each term — a method commonly employed in the US — they will be asked to answer detailed questionnaires on their teachers.

## Credit calls simplified

British Telecom is about to introduce a phonecard which will enable calls to be made on credit without going through the operator. Until now customers wanting to make calls on credit have had to dial through to the operator to give an authentication number before being connected. The new card, called the BT Creditcard, enables users to give their personal identification number directly through the telephone keypad on any of Britain's 80,000 payphones, as well as private telephones.

## Water death charge

A Thames Valley policewoman was charged with manslaughter yesterday after a girl aged 12 died on Lake Windermere. The officer has not been named. Paula Todd, of Daves Heath, Benfleet, Essex, was dragged into the water when a speedboat tow rope caught her as she watched water skiers from her father's boat on September 2.

## Lead-free petrol plea

Oil companies are urging the Government to weight on petrol taxation to encourage motorists to switch to lead-free fuel. At present, unleaded petrol costs about 165p a gallon and carries 10½p less tax than leaded four-star, but in many areas price cutting makes leaded four-star cheaper, sometimes selling for as little as 150p. The United Kingdom Petroleum Industry Association has asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer to raise the tax differential in favour of unleaded by a further 4p, by cutting tax on unleaded, increasing tax on leaded, or a combination of both.

## Footballer held

A Bulgarian footballer who was rescued in Dover Harbour after leaping from a cross-Channel ferry during a second attempt to win asylum in Britain was being held by immigration officials last night. The Home Office said that Dragomir Gueorgiev, aged 18, who narrowly missed the ship's propellers on Sunday, was returned last week to France, where he has refugee status.

## Union plea for lower-paid nurses

By Pearce Wright

With the dust still to settle from the nurses' pay battle, a biting attack has been made on the Government's attitude by the nine unions which form the staff side of the negotiating council for nurses, midwives and health visitors.

In a report submitted to the nurse's pay review body, the unions say low pay was still "a major barrier to nursing staff returning to the NHS and a major influence on the future recruitment of school leavers".

The criticism is contained in a document *Making the Grade* published today. It says: "The attitude of NHS management over the implementation of the new grading system reinforces the belief among nursing and midwifery staff that they

remain undervalued". It called for further investment in nurses' wages and a special review to boost the salaries of the lowest paid.

The unions rejected a plan for regionalized pay outlined earlier this month by the Government in its evidence to the Pay Review Body, due to make its recommendations by January. Regionalized pay "would at best shift shortages around the country, and between specialties", the unions said. At worst it would exacerbate the problem of retaining nurses "by causing resentment between staff and fracturing teamwork and co-operation within the service".

The unions want action to redress the "many anomalies" in the implementation of the re-grading exercise at the heart of this year's pay

deal, worth an average 17.6 per cent.

The first of thousands of appeals are expected to be lodged next week as disappointed nurses receive official notification of their grading. There have been complaints that midwives and nursing sisters have been "downgraded" by health authorities stringing to stay within their allocation of government funds and allegations of "block grading" of nursing auxiliaries and enrolled nurses on the lowest grades, starting at only £5,000.

Comparability with local authority manual workers would boost their salary by nearly £1,000, the unions said. They called for a review starting in 1990 to guarantee "equal pay for work of equal value".

Thus, the nurses' negotiators are calling for the review body to make an

analysis of external pay comparisons and provide a bigger increase for those on the bottom of the grading ladder.

Making their claim for next year's pay deal, the unions said the nearly £1,000 million pumped into nurses' pay packets this year still left some on "starvation wages". Mr Trevor Clay, of the Royal College of Nursing, said: "Continued investment is needed by both the review body and the Government, if it is to do the job for which it was partly designed, namely to stem the flow from the profession and to make it attractive as a career for the 1990s."

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, for the National Union of Public Employees, said: "It is a national disgrace that nurses on rock-bottom rates of basic pay still have to struggle to survive."

## 2,000 farmers apply for set-aside

By John Young

Agriculture Correspondent

About 150,000 acres of farmland in Britain will cease to be used for growing crops next year under the Government's "set-aside" scheme to reduce cereal surpluses.

Mr John MacGregor, Minister of State for Agriculture, announced yesterday that about 2,000 farmers had applied for payments of up to £80 an acre to leave at least 20 per cent of their land fallow, or to turn it over to woodland or other non-agricultural uses.

He estimated that the cost to the taxpayer in 1989-90 would be about £11 million, of which 42 per cent would be met by the EEC. There is also a theoretical saving of up to £30 million on intervention purchase, storage and disposal of surplus grain.

Although the initial response to the scheme has been relatively small, about 24,000 cereal growers, out of a total of around 90,000, had registered under the scheme by the closing date last Friday.

Their registration means that between them they could at some future date apply to take an extra seven million acres, about half of Britain's total arable farmland, out of production.

Such a development is scarcely credible, and Mr MacGregor admitted yesterday that it would be "embarrassing". The initial response to the scheme showed that many farmers regarded it as realistic, he said.

The main thrust of EEC policies to bring cereal production into line with demand in the 1990s would be through the price mechanism, and the application of the so-called stabiliser system whereby support prices were automatically reduced when production exceeded a given threshold. Other schemes, such as set-aside, the planting of farms, woodlands, and diversification into new enterprises, should be seen as optional measures.

## Correction

Mr Richard Gaskell, president of the Law Society, has said legislation should preserve client privileges and confidentiality, not lawyers' privileges, as reported in *The Times* yesterday.

## BBC rules on Sinn Fein are relaxed

By Richard Evans

BBC journalists and producers were issued with revised and slightly relaxed guidelines yesterday about quoting Sinn Fein representatives.

Journalists will be allowed to report the words of people such as Gerry Adams, either in abbreviated or verbatim form, subject to normal restrictions.

They will also be able to broadcast interviews with Sinn Fein councillors, provided their remarks are confined to council issues and Sinn Fein is not promoted.

The Home Office letter, approved by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, was sent to the BBC in response to urgent demands for clarification of new broadcasting restrictions after corporation lawyers highlighted various "grey" areas.

Mr John Wilson, controller of the BBC's editorial policy, has emphasized in his revised guidelines for staff that programme makers should be in no doubt that the central restrictions outlined to Parliament by Mr Hurd last week remain unchanged.

In the letter, the Home Office says the ban on Sinn Fein and 10 other republican and loyalist organizations "applies only to direct statements and not to reported speech".

Broadcasting standards and Commons TV, page 7

## Thousands fight Bradford cuts

By Ronald Faux

More than 5,000 council workers demonstrated outside the city hall in Bradford, West Yorkshire, yesterday as councillors met to vote on radical policy changes that could cost 9,000 jobs and cut £14 million from the budget over the next two years.

Council offices closed for the afternoon as workers joined a half-day strike against the proposals, introduced by a Tory administration that holds control by the casting vote of the Lord Mayor.

Members of the National and Local Government Officers' Association are to be balloted on further action to protest against the cuts.

At a rally in St George's Hall, Mr Max Madden, Labour MP for Bradford West, warned the Conservative group that their attempt to bring Thatcherite policies into the city would be resisted by workers inside and outside the town hall.

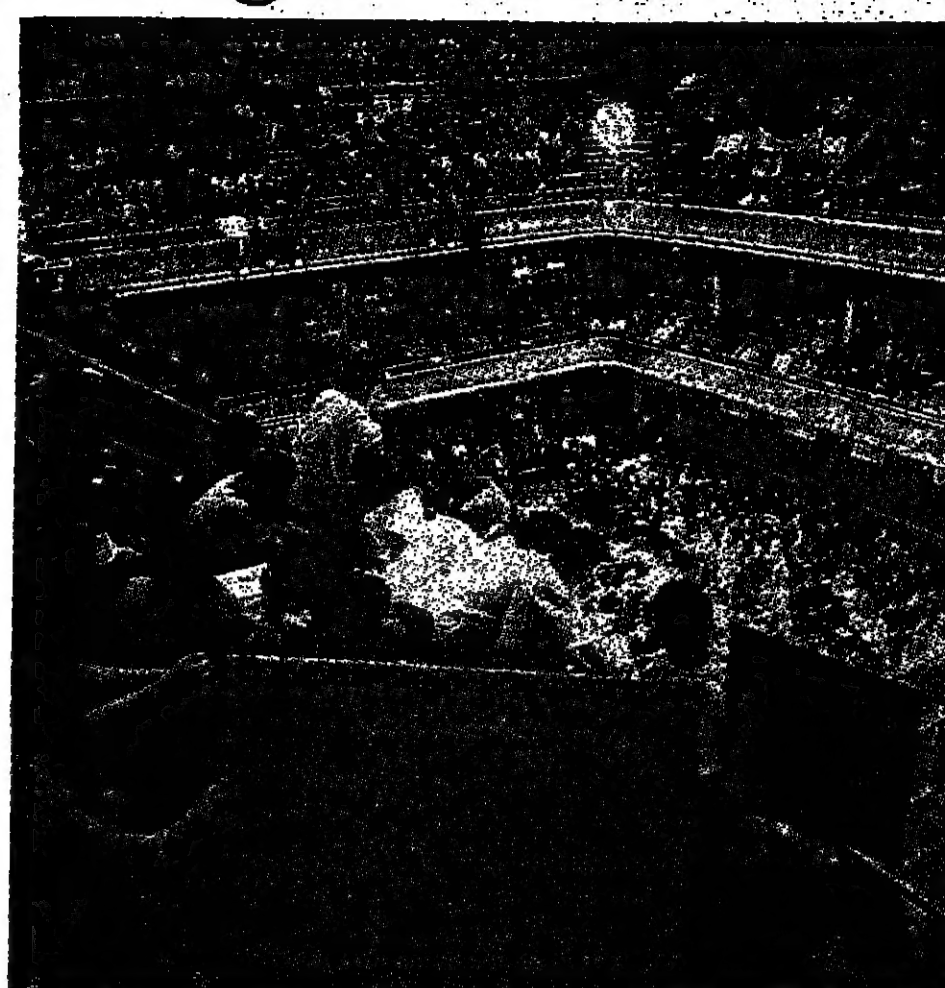
He said they would form a coalition against Thatcherism, which the Conservatives on Bradford Council were seeking to bring in.

Workers marched across Bradford to the town hall beneath a large banner which said: "Bradford in danger".

Mr Eric Pickles, leader of the Tory group and chief architect of the changes, has not attempted to disguise the price of the new policies.

They will bring the equivalent loss of more than 2,500 full-time council jobs and privatization of council services.

Council house rents are to increase by an average of £3 a



Council workers attending a protest meeting in St George's Hall, Bradford, yesterday.

week, a rise of more than 16 per cent.

The £10 million produced by the increase over the next 18 months would be ploughed back in improvements to the estates.

The council meeting began

with angry exchanges and constant interruptions from Labour councillors and from the town hall fire alarm system.

Labour members protested when Mrs Phyllis Pettit, the Tory chief whip, moved that the controversial items on

the agenda concerning budget reductions be moved to the end of the day's business.

As there was a full turnout of councillors the Lord Mayor, Mr Smith Midgeley, was continually forced to use his casting vote.

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# Boy, 13, who lured little girl to death is guilty of murder

By Andrew Moger

Claron Collins, possibly the youngest boy to be convicted of murder in modern times, was sentenced to indefinite detention yesterday for abducting and killing a girl aged two.

Collins, described at Chelmsford Crown Court as a "sharp, street-wise teenager with a background of social problems", was 12 when he lured Sharona Joseph from a birthday party to a railway siding and suffocated her.

Sharona disappeared from the Aberford Community Centre at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, on February 22 this year. She had been attending her sister Daniela's ninth birthday party.

A massive search was launched when Sharona's mother, Mrs Ora Joseph, aged 41, realized the child was missing. But by the time the search, involving police helicopters, was fully under way, the girl was probably already dead, led by Collins to a grassy embankment beside the St Pancras-Shedfield railway line, where her face was pushed into the ground.

Friends of the family said Mrs Joseph and her husband, Geoffrey, aged 51, an accountant, of Elstree Village, Hertfordshire, blamed themselves for the child's death.

However, Mr Justice Cullfield said yesterday: "I trust that Mrs Joseph does not reproach herself. This was a taking-away very rapidly. She is obviously a wonderful mother and parent."

Sentencing Collins, now aged 13, to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure, he said: "You have carried out a most wicked act against a little

girl who could not possibly harm anybody, and even after death the evidence shows that you desecrated her little body.

"We have not heard you speak," he said, "but we have heard of your unhappy life. However unhappy you have been, your actions in torturing Sharona must be condemned. You are responsible for terrible grief to Sharona's family and parents."

The judge said he would pass no sentence on an abduction conviction. The boy was found not guilty of a third charge of indecent assault because the act had taken place after death.

Defence lawyers said the boy had been brought up on an estate in London, North London.

His natural father, Patrick, was jailed for drug offences soon after the boy's birth. Two other relatives with whom Collins had been close had died.

After the father's release, the family decided to start a new life in England, but the boy was largely abandoned by his father when he was seven.



Sharona Joseph, abducted from party.

and his only daily companion was a pet dog.

After his parents divorced the boy descended into a period of delinquency. His mother set up home with Mr Brian Bennett, who tried to instil discipline but was convicted of common assault against Collins in 1983. In the next three years, the boy had constant brushes with the law for minor thefts and arson.

He was placed for 12 months on a protection register, described by teachers as a "sad child asking for help".

In autumn last year, after repeatedly running away from home, he was made the subject of a temporary order placing him at the Rufford House Children's Home in Watford. He absconded from the home at 5 am on the day of Sharona's murder.

Mrs Joseph said after the verdict: "It is even sadder that he was convicted of murder because I was hoping all along it was an accident, but obviously many people realize as the case went along that he intended to murder Sharona and carry out what he meant to do to her after death. It is more painful now."

Her husband said: "We are going to suffer this for the rest of our lives. But he will be taken care of, well-clothed and well-fed and looked after to a standard that our baby will never know. She should have been entitled to more."

● The most notable previous case involving a child convicted of murder was in 1968, when Mary Bell, aged 11, was convicted of killing two boys.

She was sentenced in Newcastle to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure.

# Honours for baize, ballet...and Moore



For services rendered: Steve Davis, the snooker player, Dame Beryl Grey, the former prima ballerina, and Mr Patrick Moore, the astronomer, with the awards they received when the Queen held an investiture at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Davis, aged 31, snooker world champion and author of *How To Be Really Interesting*, received an MBE for services to his sport. The experience had been "very interesting", he said, adding "I

was more nervous than before a world final." Dame Beryl, prima ballerina at Sadler's Wells Ballet (now the Royal Ballet) from 1942-57, was invested as a Dame Commander. And Mr Moore, aged 65, received a CBE two decades

after being awarded an OBE. "I'm deeply honoured. It is the last thing I was expecting", he said. "I'm a senior citizen now, or as I prefer to term it, an old coat. But I still play cricket and tennis, and I'm still taking wickets."

## Computer hacking

### Experts call for legislation

By Alan Hamilton

Computer professionals have called a meeting in London next month to ask Britain and the European Community to impose tough penalties on hackers.

Mr James Brookes, chief executive of the British Computer Society, which called the meeting, yesterday said hacking should immediately be made a criminal offence.

His demand comes after the disclosure earlier this week that Mr Edward Austin Singh, aged 23, had used computer terminals at the University of Surrey in Guildford to gain access to computer systems including the Ministry of De-

fence, an American bank, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and a US armaments manufacturer.

Mr Singh has been interviewed by Scotland Yard and American officials are expected to interview him tomorrow.

The BCS is pressing the Law Commission to bring forward recommendations as soon as possible to make hacking a criminal offence.

"Hacking is a very serious problem for society, and there is some real urgency", Mr Brookes said.

"We need tough British sanctions, but we also need to

think on an international scale. We are particularly concerned about the implications for safety-critical systems like those in the Ministry of Defence, or controlling installations like nuclear power stations."

The BCS wanted an inquiry into how access was gained, not only into computer systems, but into the buildings where terminals were housed.

"The important aspect is to make systems much more secure and at the same time to ensure the offence is considered so serious that it is just not worth it", Mr Brookes said.

## Oxford launches drive to raise £200m funds

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

The biggest fund-raising venture mounted by a British university - the £200 million Campaign for Oxford - will be launched today in the presence of 700 distinguished former students. The five-year campaign, led by Oxford's vice-chancellor, Sir Patrick Neill, and a small group of eminent people to be known as the President's Committee, is designed to secure the financial future of Britain's oldest university.

A train will take 500 alumni, including the heads of several large banks and public companies, from Paddington Station to Oxford for a day of ceremonial and subtle arm-

twisting. The plea for funds will be launched by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the chancellor of the university.

The audience in the Sheldonian Theatre will be swollen by dons and students who have been issued with an open invitation.

However not everyone at Oxford is in favour of the campaign. A recent poll by the student newspaper *Cherwell* found that 31 per cent of undergraduates opposed the fund-raising scheme.

*Cherwell* said 47 per cent of students feared that an increase in private funding would lead to a loss of academic independence.

## IRA victims' compensation

### Thatcher promise of review

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister promised yesterday to examine compensation payments to the victims of the Provisional IRA after a complaint about the amount received by the family of an MP killed in the Brighton bombing.

Dr David Owen criticized the amount of compensation awarded to the family of Sir Anthony Berry and the length of time it had taken to make the £24,000 payment. The leader of the Social Democratic Party said it was time the board was more generous in its payments to those killed or injured as a result of Provisional IRA violence.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said: "I take note of your point and I will pursue it."

Later Dr Owen said: "Victims have to wait an agonisingly long time for a meagre amount compared to what we are likely to see for the victims of Piper Alpha disaster. I will hold the Prime

Minister personally accountable to remedy this injustice."

Since the onset of the present troubles in 1968, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board has had 58,400 cases of personal injury in Northern Ireland involving £139 million and 117,000 cases of damage to property involving compensation payments totalling £523 million.

Lady Berry, the widow of Sir Anthony, the former government deputy chief whip, who was himself seriously injured, said of the £24,000 yesterday: "It came at the end of three years of tremendous hassle with which I found it difficult to cope. I cannot help wondering, since I found it difficult with many knowledgeable people about to help me, how someone with less help and advice would get on. In the end, it is not a great deal of money to compensate for the loss of anyone's life. I do feel the whole system should

be reviewed."

Lady Berry said that it had taken her five days to complete the first form which arrived from the board shortly after the explosion.

"After that there were endless comings and goings between the lawyers and forms to fill in."

"I realize the board have to work to a system and have a limited amount of money, but the system is very bureaucratic. I am concerned that other people will be receiving the same sort of treatment."

The board said yesterday: "The Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme has no parliamentary basis until the new Civil Injuries Act is brought into force. Broadly we follow the practice of the civil courts with the exception that DHESS benefits are deductible and so is insurance benefit where the payments have not been wholly paid for by the applicant or deceased."

## Driver in arrest film faces court

A driver whose arrest was filmed by an off-duty cameraman and shown on television had tried to run police off the road, a court was told yesterday.

Two policemen have been suspended over allegations of violence against a suspect after the arrests at Bryn-siencyn, Anglesey, in August.

Yesterday at Llangefni Magistrates' Court, Anglesey, the charged driver, Michael Williams, aged 20, of Henblas, Newborough, Anglesey, admitted reckless driving, driving when disqualified and having no insurance and test certificate. The case was adjourned for reports.

Mr Robert Watts, for the prosecution, said Williams had evaded road blocks and overtaken on blind bends.

Mr Watts said the Director of Public Prosecutions had not taken any decision on the circumstances of the arrest.

Earlier Brian Owen, aged 21, of Ucheldre, Newborough, Williams' passenger, had three charges of assaulting police constables to resist arrest withdrawn.

## Paralysed player 'pressured to win'

A rugby coach accused of teaching a schoolboy a dangerous technique which led to his suffering crippling spinal injuries "tended to over-psyche" young players, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

Mr Brian Quinn, aged 25, a former England under-19 rugby trialist, England schools boxing finalist and county schoolboy pole vault champion, of Eaton Drive, Exeter, Devon, broke his back playing rugby for Exeter Technical College in 1981.

He has alleged that he was injured attempting to execute a dangerous technique, for "making the ball available" to team mates, which Altim Rees, the coach, had taught him.

Mr Quinn, who is paralysed, is claiming damages from the education authority, Devon County Council, for his injuries.

The council is contesting his claim and denies he was taught a dangerous technique. Mr Quinn, who has played rugby since he was 11, gave evidence from a wheelchair.

He told Mr Justice Ognall that Mr Rees emphasized the importance of the team being effective. "Enjoyment was never a word I heard used", he said. "We were psyched up to win by Mr Rees."

Mr Andrew Sellins, a colleague of Mr Quinn's in the Exeter College team, told the court that when he was a schoolboy he regarded Mr Rees as a good coach, but his opinion had changed.

"I think he knows a lot about rugby, but my view would be that he tended to over-psyche us as youngsters", he said.

Mr Sellins, a development officer with the London Community Cricket Association and a sports coach, said he felt that Mr Quinn's accident had "quite an effect" on Mr Rees. "He seemed to be a bit tamer in his approach to pre-match talks", he said.

Mr Rees had been described earlier as a "most experienced and respected coach".

Mr Mike Davis, former England coach, and Mr Danny Hearn, former England centre, will give evidence today.

## Cows slip on their winter wellies

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Cows tastelessly clad in snazzy Wellington boots as they mooch and moo amid the mess of their winter quarters may seem like a post-Monty Python fantasy.

However a Cornwall dairy farmer, Mr Stephen Angwin, has just taken delivery of 280 pairs, at £13.70 each, from the Gates Rubber Company in Deming, which normally specializes in the green "wellies" associated with Range-Rovers, country cottages and point-to-point race

meetings. Mr Angwin's motive is not to improve the social standing of the 120 Friesian cows on his farm, near Bodmin, but to prevent the perennial problem of lameness among cattle that spend half the year on concrete, a problem with which veterinary surgeons have long had to contend.

"We have to trim and dress the hooves with banglades, but the real problem is keeping the feet clean", he says. "We have tried plastic bags and tough

bandages, but nothing works properly."

After making two prototypes, the company came up with something called the Hobbie Boot, about a foot high and made of rubber. Mr Angwin says he is confident that it will cure the lameness.

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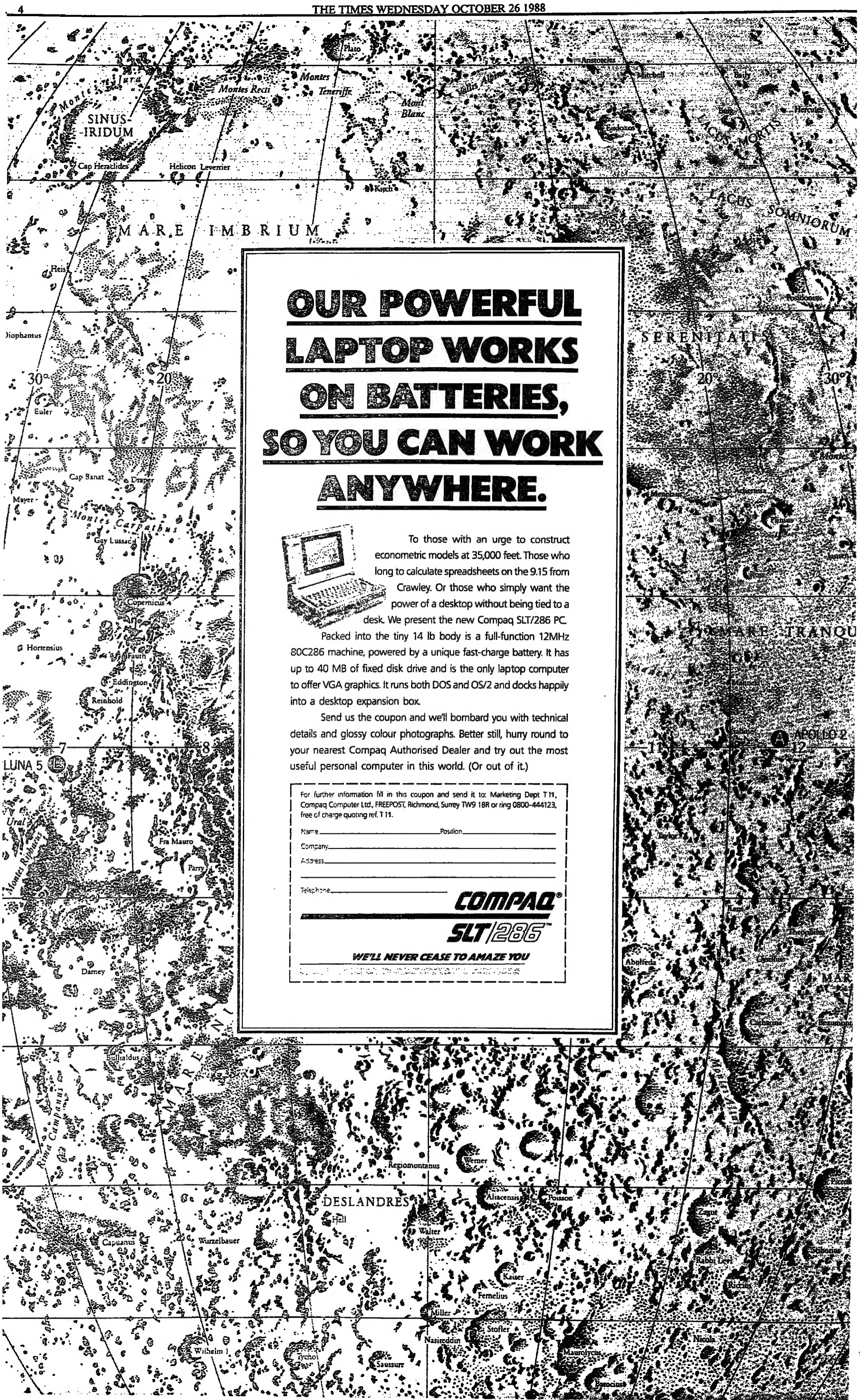
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# Stiffer jail sentence 'acts as yellow card' to violent criminals

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Increasingly tough sentences for violence were disclosed yesterday by the annual criminal statistics. Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, described them as a public warning — a "yellow card" to the violent criminal.

Between 1984 and last year there was a 95 per cent increase in jail sentences to 6.7 years in England and Wales for using firearms to resist arrest.

Rape sentence lengths rose by 63 per cent to 6.2 years and for indecent assault on a woman they increased from two to 2.3 years, a 15 per cent rise. The average length for robbery with firearms jumped by 22 per cent and without firearms by 21 per cent.

The stiffer punishments are in keeping with the wish expressed by Home Office ministers for longer sentences for serious and violent crime.

"This is something I welcome," Mr Patten said yesterday. "I expect to see a continuing trend in the next few years." He hoped the increasingly longer sentences would be a deterrent.

The Government has been pursuing a twin-track approach, with an emphasis on punishment in the community for the non-violent serious offender for whom prison may be more an education.

in crime than a deterrent. Those offenders, sometimes, inadequate, help to overcrowd the local prisons.

Mr Patten said there had been public pressure on the judiciary which was clearly taking the view that violent crime, which had been going up, needed to be met with stronger deterrent sentences.

Tougher prison sentences kept people off the streets longer.

For men aged 21 and over sentenced to immediate imprisonment for indictable offences at all courts, the average sentence has risen from 11.9 months in 1984 to 14 months in 1986 and 15.1 months last year.

Excluding people sentenced to life, the proportion of those given four years or more has risen from 4 per cent in 1984 to 7 per cent last year, while the proportion given sentences of under six months has fallen from 39 per cent in 1984 to 32 per cent last year.

Home Office research results to be published soon show that 30 per cent of rape offences are committed by "intimates" and another 31 per cent by acquaintances.

What Mr Patten described as "considerable geographic variation" throughout England and Wales in the use of custody was, he said, a matter

of concern. Just as one wanted justice to be neutral between people of different colour or social class, so one would like it applied wherever people were brought to trial, he said.

At magistrates' courts, the use of custody varied from 4 per cent in Northumbria and Dyfed-Powys to 9 per cent in Derbyshire, Devon and Cornwall, Greater Manchester and Lancashire and Sussex.

At crown court, the use of custody varied from 43 per cent in Avon and Somerset to 67 per cent in Essex.

Only 4,000 juveniles were sentenced to immediate custody last year, compared with 6,800 in 1983. For young adults (aged 17-20), the figures were 21,300 last year, compared with 23,100 in 1983.

Many more motorists are being jailed. Numbers given immediate custody for motor offences rose from 1,100 in 1977 to 4,400 last year.

As reported in a Home Office statistical bulletin "in March, police recorded 3.9 million offences in England and Wales, 1 per cent more than in 1986.

That was a smaller rise than the average annual rate of increase of 6 per cent since the mid-1950s.

Of the total, 3.7 million offences (94 per cent) were against property and nearly 200,000 were offences of violence.

Updated figures published last month show that in the 12 months ending June 1988 police recorded 23,000, or 0.6 fewer offences than in the preceding 12 months.

Criminal Statistics, England and Wales 1987 (Stationery Office, £14.90).

# Flat trumpet is revived after 250 years



Miss Susan Addison, a solo trombonist, rehearsing yesterday for the first London performance in more than 250 years of Purcell's funeral music for Queen Mary as it was originally played — on a "flat trumpet". The

instrument, so-called because it can play flat keys, was popular in the seventeenth century but fell into disuse in the eighteenth. The last known performance was in 1720. Miss Addison's trumpet, a cross between a

conventional trumpet and a trombone, has been constructed by Mr Frank Tomes, an instrument maker, from contemporary descriptions. She will play it tonight in the Sixteen Choir and Orchestra's concert of music by

Purcell at St John's Smith Square in Westminster. The instrument was prescribed by Purcell for Queen Mary's funeral procession to Westminster Abbey. (Photograph: James Morgan).

# Dancers risk their health in search of stardom

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many professional dancers risk their careers because they fear that seeking treatment for their injuries could cost them their chance of stardom, doctors said yesterday.

Ballet dancers and others in the performing arts are "terrified" that if they take time off to recover from even minor injuries someone else will get their part.

They dread being labelled as accident prone and may come under

intense pressure from choreographers and artistic directors to continue dancing, a specialist said.

A survey of 200 dancers, carried out on behalf of the National Organization for Dance and Mime, has shown that the majority suffered at least one performance-threatening injury in the previous six months.

But comparatively few sought expert treatment or took off enough time to recover completely.

"The pressures to keep going are tremendous and continuous. Far too many dancers go back on stage much

too soon and they pay the price later in their careers", Dr Barry Grimaldi, a member of the organization's medical advisory panel, said yesterday.

He said there had been a tendency to regard dancers as being disposable almost like "cannon fodder".

The organization is seeking to improve awareness in the dancing profession of the medical skills available and advances in treatment.

Sprained ankles, damaged ligaments and twisted knees were among the most common injuries, but if they were not treated promptly and prop-

erly, they could ruin a dancer's career. Dr Grimaldi said. Mr Justin Howse, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Central Middlesex Hospital, north-west London and chairman of the organization's medical advisory panel, said: "We want to get the message across to managements that they are dealing with extremely valuable commodities and that the more considerably they treat them, the better for all concerned."

The organization is hoping to stage a conference on dance medicine in London in 1990.

## CROWN COURT SENTENCES

	1984	1987	% increase
Using firearms to resist arrest	3.4	8.7	85
Rape	3.8	6.2	63
Robbery with firearms	5.7	7.0	22
Robbery without firearms	3.1	3.8	21
Indecent assault on a female	2.0	2.3	15
Manslaughter	4.9	5.5	11

Offenders charged with violent offences at crown court in 1987.

## PC thought dying man was faking

A policeman suggested a dying man might have been "faking" his distress, an inquest into the man's death during an arrest was told yesterday.

Mr Simon Oates told the hearing that the unconscious Mr Clinton McCurbin was afterwards put in a recovery position with his head to one side and with his tongue forward.

However, Mr Oates, an assistant in the Newt shop where Mr McCurbin died, agreed with Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, representing the McCurbin family, that no attempt was initially made either to give him artificial respiration or mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

He said that one of the police officers present suggested there was a possibility that Mr McCurbin was "faking it".

Under further cross-examination, he said that when police realized Mr McCurbin had no pulse they turned him over and one of them gave him the kiss of life.

Mr Oates, who saw the struggle in the foyer of the Wolverhampton shop, said after a police officer with a beard got a stranglehold on him, Mr McCurbin appeared to be having difficulty breathing.

Mr Macdonald asked: "Why didn't you protest at the sight of a man being strangled?" Mr Oates replied: "There was a lot going on in the shop at the time".

The inquest, which resumes in Wolverhampton today, is expected to continue into next week.

## Employees' health 'has low priority'

By Roland Radd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The health of employees is a low priority for many British companies according to a survey published today.

A Labour Research Department survey of more than 400 workplaces, covering 7,000 employees, shows there are only 25 occupational health staff per 10,000 workers.

The report follows a Health and Safety Executive study which found that four out of 10 workplaces did not have a first aider and of those only 18 per cent had a first aid box.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, has said British employees face increasing threats to their health because of rapidly declining safety standards.

The latest study shows the worst levels of health provision are in the financial sector, public administration and some health services.

The TUC, which has launched its biggest drive against sickness and injuries at work, wants to see more health screening for breast and cervical cancer and a move towards preventative health

care at work. Union representatives questioned in the survey reported low levels of consultation on occupational health.

More than half said they were not consulted on what occupational health staff did and over two-thirds said no consultation took place over the appointment of health staff.

The report said most workers wanted to see an immediate increase in occupational health staff, more facilities for health screening and increased consultation and co-operation with management.

The Government is today accused of trying to use the Employment Training scheme as a means of creating a conscript army of cheap labour to depress wage levels.

A report by the Low Pay Unit says the abolition of the right of young people to legal minimum wage protection and the right of 16 and 17-year-olds to claim social security benefit will cause low wage misery for thousands of young families.

## Pit talks break down

Britain's 6,000 open cast coal miners are to be balloted on industrial action after talks with employers yesterday broke down over severance pay.

Mr George Henderson, national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, accused the employers of "social injustice". He said: "We

have raised the issue of severance pay with the Government, British Coal and the open cast contractors to no avail".

British Coal introduced a scheme that did not cover open cast mines when the Government withdrew its redundancy scheme for mineworkers last year.

## Bacteria discovery

## Bodies from 1848 aid studies

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The frozen bodies of two seamen who died during the Franklin Arctic expedition in 1848, in search of a Northwest Passage connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, have been the source of a crucial scientific discovery.

They have provided evidence for present-day researchers about how environmental pollution can reduce the effectiveness of antibiotics for treating bacterial infections.

The conclusions come from laboratory studies of bacteria taken from cell cultures from the bodies of William Braine and John Hartnell, two of the 129 men who died during Sir John Franklin's voyage between 1845 and 1848.

Microbiologists working with Dr Kinga Kowalewska-Grochowska at Alberta University, Edmonton, Canada, have found that the bacteria remaining dormant in the tissues of the seamen for 140 years are resistant to modern antibiotics.

Their results, presented to 13,000 cancer, AIDS and infectious disease specialists

at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, add a new chapter to the extraordinary story begun in 1986, when the well preserved bodies were discovered.

The crews sailed from Britain in HMS Terror and HMS Erebus, then abandoned the vessels when they became trapped in ice. Starvation, scurvy and cannibalism apparently claimed the lives of most members.

However, scientific investigators found high lead levels in the bodies retrieved by Dr Owen Beattie, a Canadian anthropologist, from graves in the permafrost on Beechy Island, west of Baffin Bay in Canada's Northwest Territories. That led to the conclusion that the seamen died from lead poisoning leaking from the solder in food tins.

In subsequent analyses, the microbiologists have found six types of "bacteria lying dormant for over a century in the bowel contents" of Braine and Hartnell. Dr Kowalewska-Grochowska said: "The organisms grew sufficiently in the laboratory to be identified

and tested for susceptibility to currently used antibiotics". Two of the six strains, all belonging to the *clostridium* group of organisms, showed resistance to antibiotics.

The proliferation of antibiotic-resistant bacteria has become a big problem, especially in Third World nations where the drugs are used indiscriminately.

In the West, the use of antibiotics as "growth promoters" to keep livestock healthy has been blamed for the spread of drug resistant salmonella bacteria that cause human food poisoning.

The doctor said the discovery should spur a revision of the theory that the resistance of bacteria to antibiotics is caused solely by widespread use and abuse of antibiotics that kill vulnerable germs, leaving the more robust ones to proliferate. She suggested that resistance to antibiotics may be induced by the body's reaction to heavy metals and that "environmental pollution may be contributing to the development of resistance" to antibiotics by bacteria.

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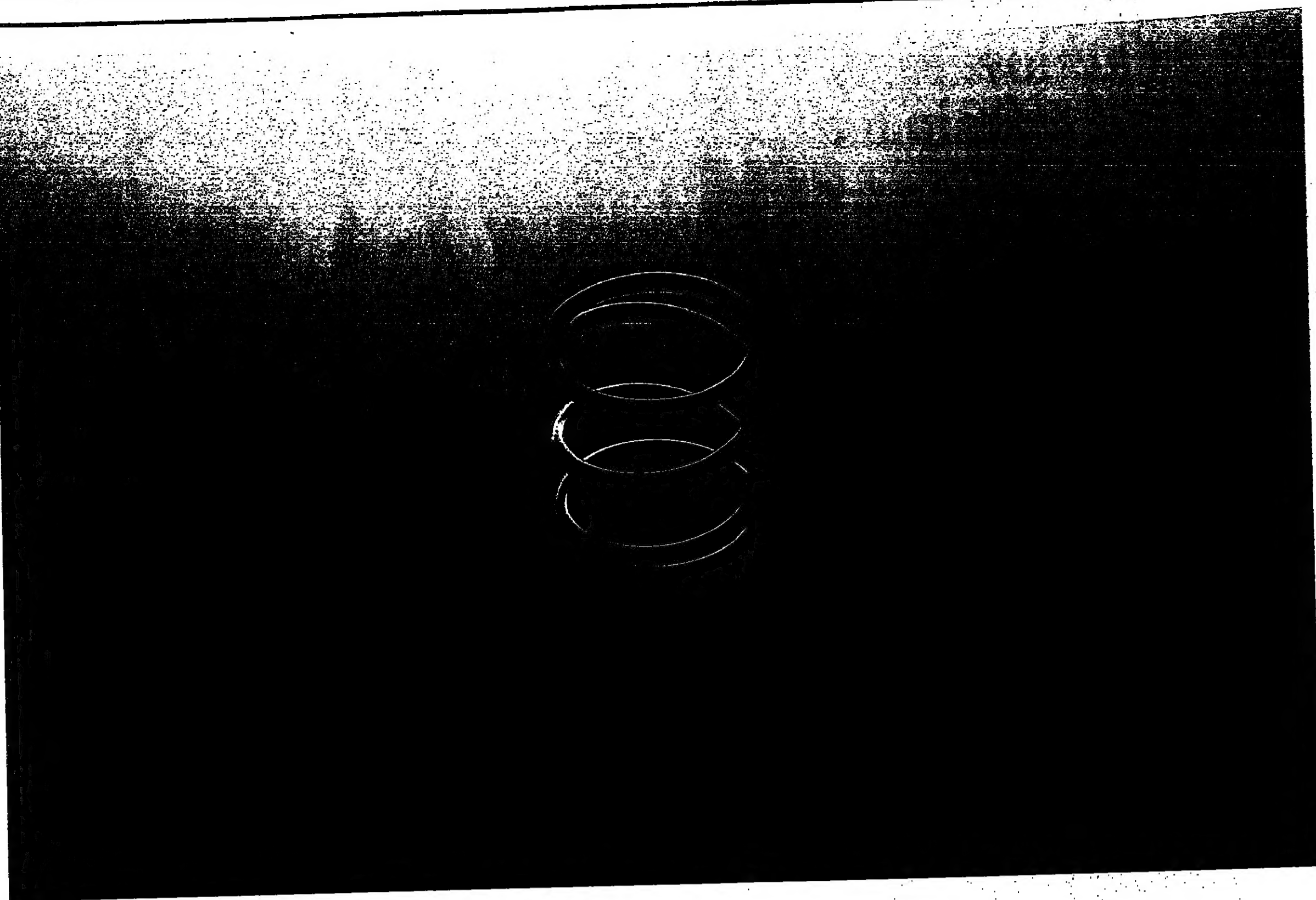
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# Job losses likely as schools get ready to control own budgets

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Inter-school rivalry, council job losses and a harsh look at teacher staffing and pay will accompany the transfer of power from local education authorities to individual schools, a working party says.

Financial arrangements, to be introduced in April 1990 and completed by April 1993, dictate that 75 per cent of school budgets will be based on a charge per pupil. The remaining 25 per cent will be paid to cover special needs, according to financial formulas that must be sent to the Government for approval by next September.

About half the 26,000 state-run schools in England and Wales will have budgets set at less than their present running costs, while the other half will receive more. Both will be unhappy, according to Mr Derek Thomas, chairman of the Local Management of Schools initiative, set up by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy with local authorities, chief education officers and school heads.

"There may well be three years of agony all round in the transition period," he said. "About half the schools are likely to get less money than they now receive, mostly because they are overstaffed. They will complain that their budget is too small and in the change-over period local education authorities will do their best to see that it is not reduced gradually."

"At the same time, schools getting more money will be champing at the bit to get the extra resources," he says, "as possible, so they can improve."

is unfair. I hope we will not have schools squabbling but it may happen, and it will now be very difficult for local education authorities to protect individual schools by ploughing in more money."

Mr Thomas, who is also chief executive of Surrey County Council, told a conference in London launching a guide for governors and head teachers, yesterday that the advantages of LMS far outweighed the possible difficulties, however.

"We are all optimistic about the long-term benefits. Most schools will relish their freedom and there is a general feeling about that they can do better," he said. "Until now schools have not been able to decide how and where they will spend their money. It will encourage schools to be more responsive to the needs of parents. More pupils will mean more resources. Governors will no longer be able to blame local education authorities for any failure."

Mr Thomas said the Department of Education and Science had accepted that there would be an initial increase in staff and costs in setting up the necessary support systems for schools, but as the scheme ran properly there would be some reduction in staff.

"Local education authorities will give all the support they can to get it right, as they will be that a large number of people will have a vested interest in it. It is impossible to predict exactly how many, but increased costs will be recovered."

Mr Mike Nichol, chairman of the group that prepared the LMS manual and director of education for Warral Borough Council, said some local authorities would not be prepared to find extra money for LMS. "There is no guarantee that the cake will get any bigger, we can only hope that enlightened councils will seek more money."

The Education Reform Act gives financial independence to all secondary schools and primary schools with more than 200 pupils, but Mr Nichol said he was concerned that some small schools felt LMS had nothing to do with them.

He urged them to make sure their needs were known. "Even if they do not run their own budgets, they will be financed in the same way as every other school. If they do not influence the way in which the budget formula is arrived at, they may find themselves put at a disadvantage. Small schools must get involved."

One of the main decisions facing schools with tight budgets will be the recruitment of teachers.

Mr Quentin Thompson, of Coopers & Lybrand, the management consultants that helped compile the guide, said: "Schools with a large number of staff at the top of the grading scale will have difficulties with cash limits. There would have to be some trade-off between expensive and less expensive staff."

Local Management in Schools: A Practical Guide (The Local Management in Schools Initiative, 3 Robert Street, London, W2C 2JZ, £12.50, summary £1).

# Lagerfeld revamps Chanel sailor style



Chanel's new classic suit (left) with a narrower long-line jacket in egg-yolk yellow and on-the-knee skirt, and matching hat, and (right) Lagerfeld's navy-headed pleated skirt with nautical sweater and beret (Photographs: Harry Kerr).

By Liz Smith  
Fashion Editor

It was Coco Chanel who, in 1918, gave a tanga sailor style of dress her special stamp of chic. Karl Lagerfeld, the designer today at Chanel's fashion house, has gone back to her beginnings and revived the wide trousers and matelot stripes, the pleated skirts and long cardigans.

Lagerfeld, who was first to introduce a longer hemline in his couture collection in January this year, pursues it with conviction with his breezy pleated skirts that swing to mid-calf length and longer and are worn under short sailor jackets or the longer Twenties styled cardigans.

Straw cloche hats with wide bands are pulled down low or a sailor beret is perched jauntily to one side. The wide-legged nautical trousers in cream, teamed with the new narrow blazer as well as traditional Chanel check tweed jacket, endorsed the fashionable A-line that has emerged throughout the collection in Paris this week.

That Chanel classic, the bouclé tweed suit smothered in gilt buttons, is given fresh new curves. An elongated jacket over a skirt on the knee shapes a flattering silhouette.

Navy and white spotted swimsuits and Lycra tank dresses are a new line at Chanel.

## Executive survey

## The desert beyond Watford

By Ian Smith

Company executives would resign rather than move from the South to what they regard as North-west backwaters, a survey revealed yesterday.

Of 110 chief executives and finance directors questioned to discover southern attitudes to the North, 93 per cent said they would risk dismissal rather than move north of Watford. Commercially, the North-west is considered backward, the survey found.

Results of the survey stunted a partnership of North-west development corporations, county councils and the Department of Trade and Industry which next Tuesday will launch Fast Forward: The North-west Direction. The elaborate five-day event has been planned over six months to lure both national and international companies to the region.

Now the always difficult Fast Forward selling job, supported by exhibition stands and presentations of the region's virtues by company chairmen, is being widely predicted as almost impossible.

Mr David Taylor, managing

regeneration. The survey, undertaken by Manchester Business School - which unlike the rest of the North-west enjoys a worldwide reputation for excellence - the survey was conducted among firms with turnovers ranging from £1 million to £20 million.

Though 76 per cent acknowledged that the North-west offered the same range and quality of professional services, and 69 per cent were attracted by low land prices and 54 per cent by vast acres of attractive countryside, negative views predominated.

The region is scorned as a cultural desert totally devoid of opera, ballet, restaurants and good shops.

All but one per cent felt the Channel tunnel made a move north impracticable and 86 per cent thought that the region offered fewer career opportunities.

Though 57 per cent accepted a reasonable proportion of their market lay in the North-west, they believed rail and road networks and international airport and communications links would not contribute to company profitability.

director of Lancashire Enterprises, which is co-ordinating the £500,000 project, admitted the survey confirmed the group's worst fears.

"Our colleagues in the South have a completely false impression about the North-west," he said. Their views are simply inaccurate, as anyone who has moved to the region recognises. I know because I moved up from London five years ago.

The survey will also come as unwelcome news to the Government which has invested millions in northern

## Five records fall for Irish artists

### SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland  
Art Market Correspondent

There were five records for individual artists at Christie's first sale of nineteenth and twentieth century Irish paintings in Dublin on Monday evening, fuelling speculation that this market may shortly follow the recent success of the Scottish and English schools.

The first record was for a yellowed depiction of the Donnybrook Fair by William Sadler, the early-nineteenth century artist. Painted in amusing, drunken detail, it quadrupled its estimate at Ir£32,000 (£44,746) and was bought by Dillon, the Dublin dealer.

A portrait of an Aran seaman, standing woodenly before a rocky beach scene, achieved a record for Sean Keating at Ir£25,300 (£21,441).

The top lot was a cracked, impressionistic painting of Hastings Railway by Walter Osborne. This sold to a London dealer for £44,746, just above estimate.

Works by Jack Butler Yeats sold well - his "Sleep beside falling water" fetched £37,288. The sale totalled £727,452 with 22 per cent unsold.

The Chelsea Arts Club was £100,000 richer after a fund-raising sale at Sotheby's on Monday night, although the total was lower than expected. Top lot, at £9,680 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000), was a dark pastel entitled "42nd Street" by Bill Jacklin, the New York artist.

The works had been donated by the artist.

Bukowski, the Stockholm auction house, had two records yesterday, both for moody portraits by Olof Sager-Nelson, the Swedish artist.

Estimated at about 600,000 Swedish kr, the first, of a young girl, fetched 1.4 million kr (about £142,000) while a long-haired male fetched £162,000.

A tiny black Morocco boot worn in 1844 by the child who was to become King Edward VII is up for auction at the Stannary Gallery at Tavistock, Devon, today.

## Jury out today in King trial

The jury at Winchester Crown Court will retire today to consider verdicts on three alleged Irish terrorists accused of plotting to kill Mr Tony King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Finbarr Cullen, aged 27, of Main Street, Maynooth, Co Kildare, John McCann, aged 24, of Gifford Avenue, Sandymount, Dublin, and Martina Shanahan, aged 22, of Loreto Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin, deny a joint charge of conspiring with others unknown, to murder Mr King between May 1 and August 31 last year.

They also all deny a charge of conspiring with others un-

known to murder persons unknown.

The court has been told that Mr Cullen and Miss Shanahan were found on land close to Mr King's home near Clippinstown, Wiltshire.

Mr King's bodyguards and were detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Mr McCann was detained on the same day, August 30, at a camp site at Woolley Hole, Somerset, where the three had been staying.

The prosecution alleges that the three were part of a "murderous plot" to kill Mr King and a number of others. The accused declined to

give evidence but both the defence counsel and the judge, Mr Justice Swinton Thomas, have told the jury of their "inalienable" right to silence.

The judge highlighted important evidence to the jury in his summing up yesterday as being a number of papers found in the defendants' clothing and tent which included the names and addresses, and in some cases, car registration numbers of prominent military, political and judicial figures.

Some £4,500 in cash was also found as well as a booking form for a hotel in Blackpool. The hearing continues today.

## Broadcasters told to raise standards

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

A "laundry list" of specific words and behaviour that should be banned from British television has been forwarded to the Broadcasting Standards Council, which is preparing a new code of practice for broadcasters.

Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the council, has been told that "detailed transmission of behaviour whose normal place is the private bedroom should not be explicitly shown."

The National Viewers' and Listeners' Association adds: "Anything which turns viewers into voyeurs is undesirable."

The association, of which the president is Mrs Mary Whitehouse, submitted its proposals in response to a questionnaire sent by Lord Rees-Mogg. It says present BBC and ITV codes of practice are very enlightened, but producers and broadcasting authorities have failed to im-

plement them.

It therefore recommends a common code to apply "across the board to terrestrial radio and television, satellite and cable television and video."

Mrs Whitehouse's organization says the new BBC code should maintain the present legal obligations on taste, decency and impartiality but recommends that they should be reinforced.

It adds: "The 'laundry list' is one method of determining what is not acceptable."

Religiously offensive material should be outlawed by the new code and regard for personal privacy in the coverage of accidents, crime and personal bereavements is "vitaly important."

It says: "We confirm, from years of experience, that bad language, blasphemy, as well as explicit sexual and violent material, does give great offence to viewers."

## 'Public to pay cost of Commons TV'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Public funds could be used to pay the costs of buying and installing television cameras in the Commons, it emerged as MPs reconvened this week after the summer recess.

The idea is understood to have received wide support among MPs on the select committee charged with setting up the experiment to televise proceedings.

Once the equipment was installed the Commons could either employ its own permanent staff to run the operation or it could be contracted out.

One member of the committee suggested last night that installation costs could be £3 million, but claimed most of that sum could be retrieved by selling coverage to news and other interested organizations.

The attraction of the idea, which the committee saw in action during a recent visit to the Canadian Parliament, is

that the Commons would retain maximum control over the way their proceedings were televised.

All debates would be filmed and the Commons would have its own "electronic Hansard".

Some members of the committee believe that its deliberations have been unduly protracted and that it is time some firm decisions were taken next week on, for example, who if anyone should be given the contract.

The Commons voted last February in favour of experimental televising of the Commons.

The committee first met in April, but it soon became clear that the original target of introducing the cameras for next month's state opening of Parliament was unachievable.

Some MPs now believe the experiment may not begin until after next summer's recess.

## Alcohol and advertising

## Conference divided on loutish image

By Ruth Gladhill

About £50 million will be spent on advertising alcohol in the 61 drinking days before Christmas. The main target will be the young.

The aim will be to convince them they are buying romance and sophistication when they buy a drink, an advertising conference in London was told yesterday.

Advertisements will carry the message that "tough men drink" and that alcohol goes hand in hand with "the good life, fun, freedom and winning". Mr Eric Clark, author and full-time researcher into the drinks advertising industry, said.

Britain was almost alone in plying "vulgar, loutish ingredients" in its alcohol advertising, he said.

Mr Clark was speaking at a conference organized by Action on Alcohol Abuse at the King's Fund Centre, Camden, north-west London. Advertisers denied that consumption and advertising were linked

and insisted that advertisers aimed their work at brand names rather than quantity.

Mr Clark said: "I do not believe that advertising can control what we do, but it can influence it. In this country alcohol and masculinity are closely linked by the young."

Britain spent £200 million a year advertising alcohol and spends more on alcoholic drinks than on clothes or cars.

Dr Thomas Bewley, chairman of Action on Alcohol Abuse, said advertisers had "shot themselves in the foot" with loutish advertising, which now had a "loutish" image in the public mind.

Mr Clark said: "In the trade, British beer advertising is regarded as British advertising at its best. People in agencies talk about punters drinking the advertising."

"All the big names in the business are involved in it." In spite of a 25 per cent increase in advertising since 1980, beer consumption has

fallen 10 per cent. That means the industry is fighting to replace people who drink less, and is "targeting" the young.

Lager, introduced to Britain only in the 1950s, now takes 40 per cent of the beer market and is kept there by £60 million in advertising a year.

Lady Masham, chairman of the Home Office working group on young people and alcohol, which called for a ban on alcohol advertising on television and in the cinema last year, said advertising was "undoubtedly influential in shaping attitudes".

She said it was very subtle and played on the fact that "drink is so much a part of life". She called for more education on the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Lady Masham said: "Alcohol breaks up families, makes people seriously ill and causes 10 times as many deaths as do illegal drugs each year. "It causes death, severe

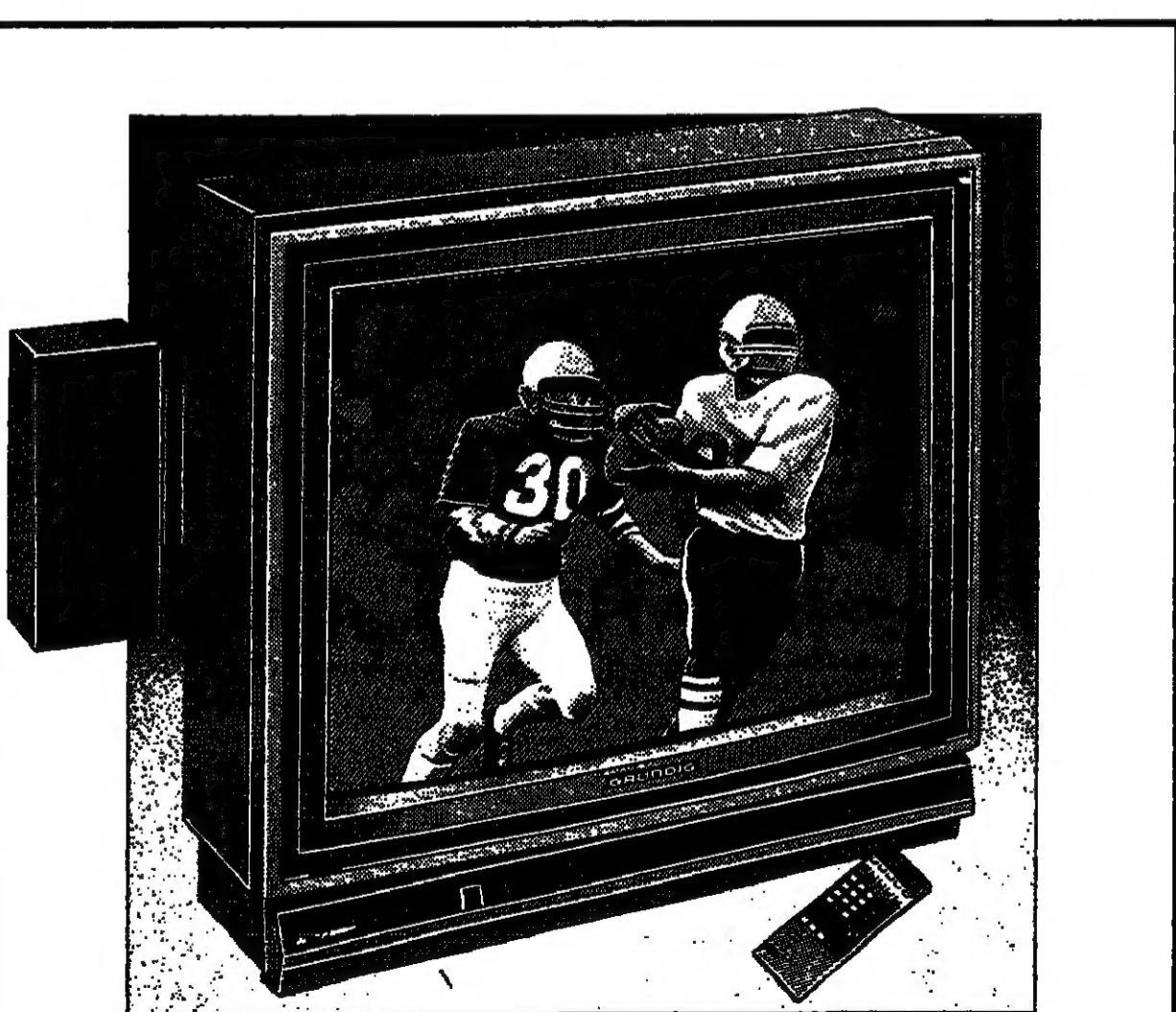
injury in homes and on the roads, can make people violent and encourages fighting up and down the country."

Mr Philip Circus, legal adviser for the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising, said research had proved there was no link between advertising and alcohol consumption.

Advertising was about brand competition. "There is plenty of evidence of alcohol abuse in countries where alcohol advertising is banned."

● Britain's first alcohol-free pub is to close because it is losing money. The Milestone in Magdalen Street, Exeter, Devon, has been open for three years, subsidized by a £26,000 grant from the Mental Health Foundation and run by the Exeter and District Council on Alcohol.

Six months ago the backing was withdrawn and now the pub is £2,000 in the red. It will close on November 30 if another backer cannot be found.



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Democrats cry 'foul' in California where party trails by 11 points after squandering its early lead

## Dukakis finds some solace in city where liberal is not a dirty word

From Charles Bremner, San Francisco

If only there were more places like San Francisco. A road manager with the Dukakis campaign murmured the wish as cymbals crashed, drums thumped and a big yellow dragon whirled in salute to the Democratic candidate who was marching like royalty through the narrow streets of Chinatown.

A friendly haven — a place where people proudly lay claim to the revered tag of liberal — San Francisco yesterday gave the governor some much-needed solace.

Mr. Michael Dukakis stopped here to shore up his edge in California's Democratic heartland, a time-warped where they sport "Grateful Dead for Dukakis" buttons as a fresh poll showed him trailing by 11 points in the Golden State, his lowest so far.

Where else but San Francisco do the citizens ask questions such as "What do you propose to do about the CIA?" In few other places would Mr. Dukakis risk asking someone, as he did at a suburban town meeting on Monday night: "You're not a Republican are you? Most Republicans I know have a sort of cold, flinty-eyed look."

The Bay area was a good platform for the governor to intensify his new "bad cop" campaign tactics, an 11th-hour gambit that is aimed at throwing the serene Bush campaign off balance.

Everywhere he goes now, he brandishes a Bush pamphlet that implies that he sympathizes with rapists and murderers such as the infamous Willie Horton, the black Massachusetts convict whose case has been publicized by Mr. George Bush.

"I've never seen such lies in my political life," he says. "Why is Bush doing this? It's because he can't win an election where real issues are discussed." For the past two days, from the Republican counties of San Diego in the south to San Francisco in the north, the Governor has been sowing another attack line in his new populist repertoire, claiming that "George Bush wants to give people like George Bush a tax break."

Mr. Dukakis says: "I'm on your side, he's not." And behind the scenes, the Dukakis staff is doing its best to turn the final days into a referendum on the tactics of

Mr. Bush. The Governor has stayed clear of the fuss over Mr. Bush's alleged campaign racism, but his top advisers have let everyone know.

Mr. Paul Brontas, his campaign chairman, stood in a San Francisco playground and sounded off to *The Times* on the "odious" Bush tricks. "We're not characterising

their whole campaign as racist, but there are certainly elements there," he says. Mr. Brontas, a Boston lawyer who has stayed by his friend's side for two years of campaigning, thinks there is still time for Mr. Dukakis to break through and convince Americans of "what kind of a government we would have under George Bush."

The governor's trouble, as every pundit from Mr. Richard Nixon to small-town editors is pointing out, is that he has failed so far to give much idea of the kind of government he could provide. Mr. Brontas is

hoping tonight's 90-minute interview with Ted Koppel, the king of the hard-hitting interview will provide the answer. Mr. Bush has refused to appear on the show.

California, once the Democrats' greatest hope of the 1988 campaign, has provided a lesson in how to squander your electoral wealth.

Mr. Dukakis enjoyed a huge lead here in the summer and even until the Waterloo of the last debate, 10 days ago. California was a polling dead heat. The Democrats took much heart from that, since the state accounts for one sixth of the electoral vote and is the most vital for them in the campaign.

The state has chosen Republican presidential candidates in eight of the past nine elections, but if there was any big state outside his northeastern homeland that Mr. Dukakis could have hoped for, it was this one. Though mostly prosperous — its economy is almost as big as Britain's — California has an affection for change.

Mr. Bush, with his starchy Ivy League demeanour and his ties to big business, was a far cry from the locally loved

brand of freewheeling, but conservative, Republicans à la Ronald Reagan.

The Bush team was advised months ago by Governor George Deukmejian to campaign here as if he were running for governor. They listened.

In contrast, the Boston-based Dukakis camp cruised on their early lead. They closed their local office from June to August, then offended the state party leaders by sending Mr. Tony Podesta, a Washington professional, to run the campaign here.

They made that appointment without even consulting Mr. Willie Brown, speaker of the State Assembly, who is the senior state Democrat and the top black politician here.

The California strategy of both sides is relatively simple. Mr. Bush must take the lion's share of the rich suburban sprawl, from Los Angeles through Orange County to San Diego, while Mr. Dukakis must ensure a strong margin around San Francisco. The central valley and rural areas are counted as a toss-up.

Mr. Dukakis is expected to sweep the black and Hispanic inner Los Angeles area.



Thumbs up: Mr. Dukakis signalling all's well as he shows the Democrat flag in San Diego.

### The President's road show

## Reagan goes for landslide victory

From Michael Binyon, Washington

It is "The Clipper's" last hurrah, and the cheers will be heard all the way to the polling booths. President Reagan, his popularity creeping back to the record levels of his halcyon days, is doing what he enjoys best — stumping the country to drum up support for the Republicans and their choice as his successor, Vice-President George Bush.

The Reagan factor is of enormous importance in solidifying Mr. Bush's lead, raising the millions of dollars needed for the final campaign blitz and boosting the chances of Republican senators, congressmen and state officials. Mr. Reagan now gives a chance of a Republican landslide sweeping them into office just as it did in 1980.

Although almost 78 years old and increasingly distant from the business of daily government, Mr. Reagan has lost none of his enthusiasm for rousing Republican rallies — his old actor's skill in galvanizing his audience.

For the past two months he has been on the road at least two or three times a week, determined to ensure that his policies and reputation live on in the election of the man who loyally served him in his own Administration.

For the Bush campaign, Mr. Reagan has become the most important vote-winner after the Vice-President himself, far outweighing Senator Dan Quayle, the hapless Bush running-mate. It is on Mr. Reagan that the Republicans are depending to prevent the

Reagan Democrats drifting back to their old party.

The President is also a key factor in wooing the ethnic vote, in flipping the balance in his home state of California, and in appealing to university students and young people who have been some of his most enthusiastic supporters.

His help is also available in reassuring the Republican right, which still has doubts about Mr. Bush, that the conservative agenda is in safe hands. His trumpeting of his record underlines the themes of the Bush campaign — peace abroad and prosperity at home — while leaving Mr. Bush free to move away from Mr. Reagan's shadow.

Mr. Reagan is cruelly partisan in his stump speech. He portrays Mr. Michael Dukakis as a big-spending liberal and says the election is a "referendum on liberalism."

Mr. Reagan was initially seen as lukewarm in his endorsement of Mr. Bush — to the anguish of the Bush campaign. But to quell speculation, he has lavished praise on the Vice-President at every opportunity.

While warning against complacency, Mr. Reagan now believes a Bush victory is sufficiently assured to enable him to turn his attention to Congress. More and more, his speeches are made in endorsement of Republican senators and congressmen, as he appeals for a "more conservative House" to try to break the hold the Democrats have on that chamber.



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# Bombs and tear gas on eve of South African elections

From Michael Horasby, Johannesburg

More than 6,650,000 white, black, Coloured (mixed race) and Indian South Africans will be eligible to vote today to elect representatives to 825 racially segregated town councils and other local authorities across the country.

In violent counterpoint to the elections, a bomb exploded early yesterday in a building housing shops and offices of the security police in Potchefstroom, a white Afrikaans-speaking town in the south-western Transvaal. No one was injured.

Two black men were killed by a car bomb on Monday outside a similar building in the Transvaal mining town of Witbank. No group has claimed responsibility, but the Government blames the outlawed African National Congress for the bombings.

In Johannesburg, police invaded the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand yesterday and used tear gas to break up a rally and march by students of all races calling for a boycott of the elections. The march was led by Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of the long-imprisoned ANC leader, Nelson Mandela.

The poll, the first in which people of all races have voted on the same day, is expected to have a profound impact on government policy.

Whites are treating it with the seriousness normally re-

served for a general election. When the polling booths close at 9pm, white voters should have answered one crucial question hanging over South African politics — is the far-right Conservative Party still gaining momentum and could it realistically hope to win power at the next general election?

As things stand, President Botha is constitutionally bound to hold elections to the segregated white, Coloured and Indian chambers of South

terday. "But the real test will be what happens in Pretoria. If we can hang on to a majority there, we feel we will have stopped the Conservative momentum."

In South Africa's mainly Afrikaans-speaking capital city, the Conservatives and the smaller Herstigte Nasionale Party, whose support is expected to be absorbed by the bigger right-wing group, control about a third of the existing 36 wards (the number of wards has been increased to

(PFP), which is seeking to make up for its disastrous showing at the 1987 general election.

At present the Government, with the aid of independent councillors, has a paper-thin majority in the Johannesburg city council. If the National Party can widen this majority, showing its ability to pick up mainly English-speaking support, and hold off the Conservative challenge in Pretoria, it will be well satisfied.

Such a result might be the stimulus that Mr Botha needs to stop appeasing the right, to press ahead with the relaxation of residential apartheid, and to grasp the nettle of granting unconditional freedom to Mandela, who is recuperating from tuberculosis under prison guard in a Cape Town clinic.

The message sent to President Botha by black, Coloured and Indian voters will be less easy to read. Under the state of emergency all radical black groups are banned from political activity, and even if they were not they would boycott the segregated municipal poll.

The poll will offer no real guide to how blacks might vote in a free election. None the less, the turnout in black areas will be seen to some extent as a measure of the acceptability of government-sponsored political structures. Leading article, page 17

Johannesburg — King Moshoeshoe II of Lesotho paid a one-day official visit here yesterday for talks with President Botha in the first visit by a black African head of state since that of Dr Banda of Malawi in the 1970s. It is being depicted as another success in Mr Botha's drive to end Pretoria's isolation in Africa.

Africa's Parliament no later than March, 1990. He has so far failed to persuade Indian and Coloured MPs to agree to postpone the elections.

Judging by the results of the all-white general election in May last year, it will be surprising if Dr Andries Treurnicht's Conservatives do not make a more or less clean sweep of town halls in the rural parts of the Transvaal and also make gains in the Orange Free State.

"We expect the Conservatives to win control of a majority of town councils in the Transvaal," Mr Piet Grobler, a ruling National Party organizer, said yes-

42 for today's election).

Mr Grobler argued that on the swing to the Conservatives that occurred in parliamentary by-elections earlier this year, Pretoria ought to fall to Dr Treurnicht and his men. "So if they fail to take it, it would be a serious setback for them," he said. "We see this as a very important contest."

In Johannesburg, South Africa's commercial and economic hub 30 miles to the south, Mr Botha's National Party is involved in a close-run race against the main force at the other end of the white political spectrum, the Liberal Progressive Federal Party

## Birthday treat for Shamir



The Prime Minister of Israel, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, who faces a crucial general election on November 1, cutting a decorated cake in Jerusalem yesterday to celebrate his 73rd birthday.

## Jail term cut for Briton in gun attack

Nancy (AFP) — A Briton was jailed for 16 years, and a French accomplice for eight years, after an attack on a petrol station near this French town in which a pump attendant was shot in the face.

Michael Wilson, aged 26, originally from Accrington, Lancashire but now of no fixed address, escaped after the attack in October, 1985, but was extradited to France from England.

He and Michel Spiess, aged 23, were convicted at a first trial and sentenced respectively to 20 and 10 years' jail. But a retrial resulted yesterday in the lower sentences.

## Two cleared

Rome (Reuters) — The Italian Parliament voted 412-276, to clear two former foreign trade ministers, Signor Enrico Manca and Signor Nicola Capria, of allegations that they had taken bribes to award contracts for the sale of warships to Iraq eight years ago.

## Aid flight

Nairobi (AFP) — A relief food airlift to the rebel-besieged town of Juba in southern Sudan is scheduled to begin tomorrow, despite threats by rebel leaders to fire on incoming aid aircraft.

## Jet grounded

Istanbul (Reuters) — Seagulls struck two engines of a Pakistan Airlines jumbo jet during take-off here with 433 people on board, forcing an emergency landing. There were no casualties.

## Poison toll

Kuala Lumpur (AFP) — A child aged nine died of suspected food poisoning in Malaysia's central Perak state, bringing to 12 the death toll from the poisoning.

## Red letter day

Moscow (Reuters) — Writings by Trotsky, revised for decades as the arch-villain of Soviet history, are to be issued in Moscow next year to mark the centenary of his birth.

## Airline cuts

Lagos (Reuters) — Nigeria Airways, crippled by debts of £235 million, dismissed half of its foreign employees and trimmed its African routes.

# Zambian voters likely to back Kaunda's kind austerity

From Jan Raath, Lusaka

The poster at the side of the Great East Road on the outskirts of Lusaka reads: "KK again and again." So Zambian voters may indeed decide when they go to the polls today to return the charismatic and generally benign figure of 64-year-old President Kenneth Kaunda to his sixth term of office since independence in 1964.

President Kaunda, universally referred to in the region by his initials, is the only candidate in the presidential elections. Voters have the choice of either "Yes" or "No" on the ballot paper.

In the simultaneous parliamentary elections, only members of his United National Independence Party (Unip) may stand, for

the Constitution was amended 10 years ago to make it the only legal party. Elections for the 125 seats in the National Assembly are thus about purely local issues.

Of more interest in the presidential elections is the percentage poll — a barometer of how the placid, long-suffering Zambian people regard the country's impending economic and social crisis.

Zambia has a foreign debt estimated at \$5.3 billion (£3 billion). Arrears on payments are put at \$500 million. In May last year Dr Kaunda decided to break with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank because their recovery programmes meant slashing a subsidy of up to \$100 million on the price of maize meal to consumers — an act that was reversed after violent riots around

the country. As a result, Zambia has lost \$150 million in World Bank aid projects, and had another \$200 million in aid withheld by Western donors, chiefly Britain, the United States and West Germany.

Economists regard Zambia's isolation as unsustainable — "The chickens will inevitably come home to roost, and soon," said one — but economic collapse is not immediately apparent.

The markets in Lusaka are well stocked with a wide variety of goods, the streets are full of traffic, there are no power cuts, the water from the taps is clean, and construction workers on Unip's new headquarters are hard at work.

But much of this activity and abundance is artificial. Earlier this month Mr Alex Shapi, Secretary of

State for Defence and Security, was quoted in Unip's *The Times of Zambia* as urging manufacturers to "flood the market" with goods to remove people's frustrations around the time of the elections.

The immediate effects of last year's break with international finance have been disguised by an increase in the price of copper, which constitutes between 90 and 95 per cent of Zambia's exports.

Another boost to the economy has come from a bumper maize harvest. But while the maize is available, a shortage of transport and grain bags and poor administration is expected to result in about 20 per cent of the crop being lost to rodents or being ploughed back into the fields.

Zambians show a certain honesty about themselves. "We have

achieved much, or failed to achieve as much as we wanted, because of being a free and independent country," *The Times of Zambia* commented. "The people would not be free to complain about shortages of essential commodities if Zambia were not free."

Election billboards describe President Kaunda as "the friend of the poor." His restoration of maize subsidies and the revocation of fuel price increases earlier this year seem to support such an idea.

Past chairman of the Organization of African Unity, a respected figure in the Commonwealth, the head of the frontline states, and initiator of bold attempts at détente in southern Africa, he also has the aura of a statesman. His philosophy of "humanism" strikes a note of warmth among Zambians. But it

is among the small educated elite of officers, senior civil servants, businessmen and academics that dissatisfaction with the mismanagement of the economy and the retention of elderly pre-independence freedom fighters — referred to as "the old stone throwers" — is most evident.

On October 7 the local press reported a coup plot. The Government has confirmed that Lieutenant-General Christon Tembo, a former army commander, and six military men had been arrested.

"It could well be real. Zambia has had a coup plot before," commented a Western diplomat. "If it is, Unip will have to look to its leadership long and hard, and decide whether it is going to move ahead, or become more deeply embedded in the current scene."

## Comeback by death squads in El Salvador

## Amnesty accuses security forces

By Anne McElroy

A fresh wave of death squad killings has swept across El Salvador this year, according to a report by Amnesty International published today.

There has also been a marked increase in the use of physical and psychological torture, the London-based human rights organization says.

Amnesty's evidence indicates that the death squads comprise regular troops, police and gunmen who are carrying out the orders of the security forces.

The report says: "The failure of the Salvadoran authorities to bring a single high-ranking official to justice for crimes committed in the name of the death squads is probably the most compelling evidence of official responsibility for these actions." The

Salvadoran Government insists that the killings carried out by death squads are the work of extremist groups beyond its control.

The report maintains that state violence, which declined after the civilian Government of President Duarte succeeded the military regime in 1984, revived in 1987. Tutela Legal, the Roman Catholic human rights monitoring body, estimates that death squad killings have tripled in the first half of this year.

The targets are most often members of the judiciary, trade unionists, human rights activists and recently released political prisoners. There have also been attacks on teachers, lawyers and the clergy.

The murders often carry the hallmarks of torture, with

mutilated bodies dumped by the roadside to deter the public from "subversive" activities.

Amnesty fears that the release of 400 political prisoners in an amnesty last year may have given a false impression of leniency towards political dissenters in El Salvador.

Official statements carrying the names of individuals who the Government believes are guilty of supporting insurgent groups appear in the media, apparently giving the green light for death squad action against them.

There are also fears that the death squads may be stepping up their activities abroad. Salvadoran exiles in the United States have received a number of death threats in the past year, some carrying the

initials of the *Escuadrón de la Muerte* (Death Squad).

The Salvadoran Government refuses to condemn death squad activities, and has refused to investigate the alleged involvement of the security forces. Its own human rights commission earlier this year stated, however, that "the horror of past violence is increasing, threatening to plunge us into a bloodbath."

● BANGKOK: Amnesty has launched a world appeal for the unconditional release of two Vietnamese Buddhist monks sentenced to death in Ho Chi Minh City last month for subversive activities in 1984 (AFP reports).

In a circular, it said that it considered Thich Tue Si and Thich Tri Si to be prisoners of conscience.



It never ceases to amaze me the number of informative, interesting, and sometimes delightful opportunities we daily pass without giving pause, or any thought or attention to them whatsoever.

It is, I suppose, to a degree forgivable, when in the long-familiar work surroundings of the busy London scene we occupy ourselves in our own thoughts and problems, and keep what little attention we give to the outside world for dodging broken paving slabs, puddles, and motor cyclists who seem intent on bringing about their own early demise, together with that of as many of the surrounding populace as they can account for!

Unless you are careful, too long in such a stress arena and you will start your own process of depersonalisation as a form of self-defence, and then it becomes a rare moment of awareness when you begin to realise that you ARE becoming like one of those grey plastic beings used by advertisers to denote the "before" picture, when extolling the virtues of their particular life-giving or rejuvenating products.

IT WAS THE "SHERLOCK HOLMES" CAPE AND COAT THAT DID IT. Walking from Piccadilly down Duke Street, and taking last-minute avoidance to prevent the loss of an eye to a wickedly spiked umbrella bearing down on me at a particularly inconsiderate angle and speed, my head turned to the side and there it was, in the window of...Who was it?...WHO? FORTNUM & MASON!!

A second look to verify that I had read correctly...Yes, it definitely was Fortnum & Mason, and there it was, set centrally on a tailor's bust, hanging perfectly, a wonderfully matched shoulder cape and overcoat, with a sports jacket of the same fabric set beneath. Now, there is a garment to take the breath away, there is a garment to demand attention, that would create for any wearer a persona that would through its sheer splendour make its own space and statement. No evil-minded umbrella would dare invade such a space!

## FOUND..... though never really lost

Of course, I go into Fortnum & Mason frequently. The smell of freshly-ground coffee, mingled with chocolate; the riotous explosion of colours of flowers and fresh fruit; the endless counter of cooked meats and mouth-watering range of cheeses; the warm glow of wines — all of this is familiar, but where do they sell Men's Wear? The statement of the splendidly-dressed window is plain enough — Fortnum & Mason does sell other things, but where?

The curiosity aroused, the flame of desire kindled, I went through the portals of Duke Street into the lobby and grand staircase, the figures of Mr Fortnum and Mr Mason both welcoming and guarding in traditional style. Immediately the pace of the London street-scene changes, an aura of calmness — stability — security and substance starts to pervade. Just touch the ground floor, don't be tempted at this moment by the edible goods, where is Men's Wear? Dinky lifts set in discreet wall niches. Where is the store guide? What! Four floors above ground! Men's Wear on the third.

After a decorous period of time, the lift arrives. It is a very personal lift, half-mirrored to give the illusion of space. Arriving at the third floor to find the very outfit, together with others of the New Fortnum & Mason Exclusive Range, newly-delivered and displayed attractively over antiques and "objets curieux". In cut, style, cloth and price, the New Fortnum & Mason Range more than lives up to the promise of the window display.

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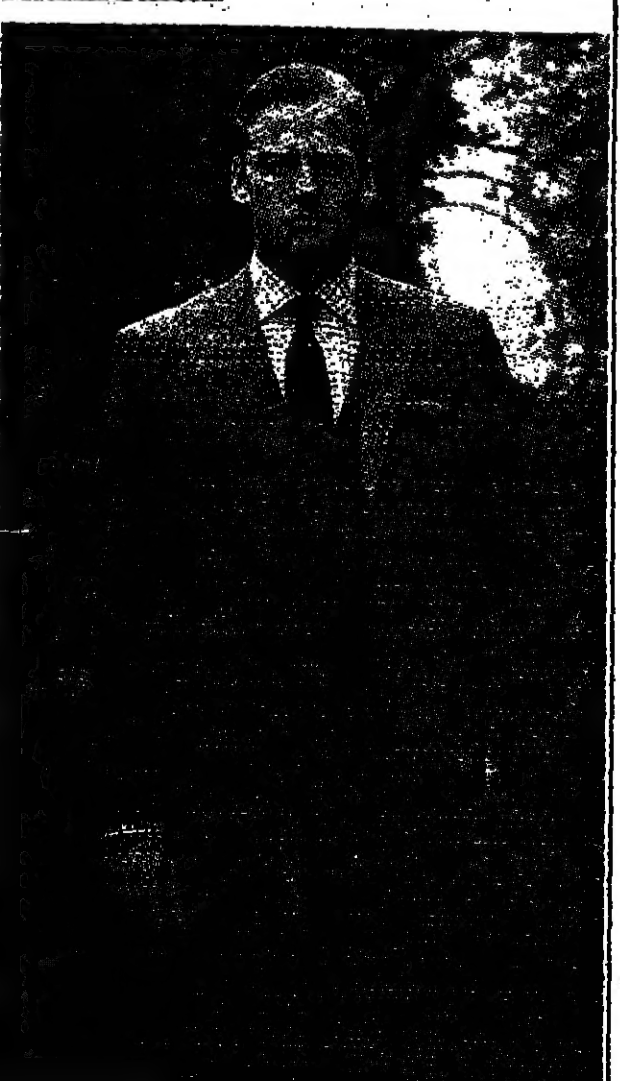
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## Storm sows havoc in Philippines

Manila (Reuters, AP) — Rescuers continued the search yesterday for at least 470 people after Typhoon Ruby sank a crowded ferry off the Philippines.

The ferry, carrying more than 500 people when it sank on Monday, was the sister ship of the ill-fated Dona Paz, which sank off the Philippines in December with the loss of 3,000 lives.

Reports of the number of those picked up after Monday's accident ranged between 13 and 30. Coast Guard officials said there could be several dozen survivors on the small islands in the area where the 2,855-tonne Dona Marilyn, a 22-year-old ferry plying from Manila to the central Philippines, went down.

"We have to pick them up from several small islands. I just don't know the number yet," a spokesman for the Coast Guard Department on the central island of Cebu said. Eleven survivors were found on Maripipi Island and another small island. Four more were found in the water.

Rescuers were hampered by continued bad weather yesterday and at nightfall the search was called off. Coast Guard officials said it would resume early today.

Mr Sulpicio Lines, operator of both ferries, said the Dona Marilyn carried 451 passengers and 67 crew members.

The ship went missing after sending a distress signal on Monday afternoon as the typhoon struck with winds of up



President Aquino visiting the family of a child drowned in flooding caused by Typhoon Ruby in Marikina, a Manila suburb. Carlos Dominguez, estimated crop damage at \$26 million. With bridges washed away and roads blocked by landslides, the final bill will be considerably higher.

Ruby was the 17th typhoon to hit the Philippines this year. The Agriculture Secretary, Mr

Carlos Dominguez, estimated crop damage at \$26 million. With bridges washed away and roads blocked by landslides, the final bill will be considerably higher.

In Manila, President Aquino handed out money, canned food and rice to victims of floods in the suburb

of Marikina. Heavy winds and rain continued to batter the city yesterday, hampering helicopter searches for more of Ruby's victims.

Casualty and damage reports were incomplete because of poor communications between the country's many islands. In Zamboanga, two

Philippine Navy ships sank on Monday after being battered by heavy waves. There were no casualties.

Schools, government offices, the stock exchanges and many businesses remained closed yesterday, while the majority of domestic flights were cancelled.

## Aftermath of Nicaragua disaster

### Slaves' descendants count deadly cost of hurricane

From David Collob and Joan Kruckewitt, Bluefields, Nicaragua

Pigs rooted in puddles for something to eat as the people of Bluefields sifted through the remains of their houses, trying desperately to salvage what they could of their possessions.

Senior Francisco Burgos, aged 65, gestured incredulously to the rubble that was once his home. "Look at it, look at it," he said. "It's completely on the ground."

Only a few buildings still stand in this town of 45,000, populated mainly by English-speaking Creole descendants of former British slaves. Nicaragua's Atlantic coast was colonized by Britain in the 18th century.

Its sandy coasts once provided havens for pirates and smugglers, but the culture of the region, epitomized by May Day celebrations which blend rum and reggae with British tradition, has more in common with former British colonies in the Caribbean than with the Spanish-speaking majority on the Pacific coast.

Nearly all of Bluefields' picturesque Caribbean-style clapboard houses were flattened when Hurricane Joan raged through the town just before dawn on Saturday.

Senora Erica Dixon, aged 35, a housewife, said: "Every-

body was screaming and praying. Nobody thought it would be so bad or destructive. We feel like it was the end of the world."

Unaccustomed to hurricane weather, many residents scoffed at government warnings that a big disaster was imminent, and did not take refuge in storm shelters until the last minute.

"It blew like hell," Senior Burgos said, "and everything

Washington (NYT) — The United States will not give Nicaragua emergency assistance, the White House said yesterday, because the Sandinista Government could not be trusted to use cash it might be given for disaster relief.

started falling. We all ran to the house next door, and it was full, full. There must have been 80 people in there."

Senior Mike Sandoval, aged 20, still in shock after stumbling over the corpse of a woman beheaded by a tin roof ripped from a house by the storm, said: "Never in my life I see so many dead people."

As many as 18 may have been killed in Bluefields alone.

"The magnitude of the destruction is enormous," President Ortega told jour-

ists as he toured the town on Monday. "It has been so great, we simply don't have an exact idea." But at least 50 people are known to have died and 300,000 have been made homeless in Nicaragua.

A flight over the path of the hurricane showed entire towns and villages swept away. Rama, 40 miles west of Bluefields, is still under water.

Along the overland route from Bluefields to Managua the scene was one of devastation. Cattle struggled in once lush pastures to free themselves from deep mud. Banana plantations and fields of corn have been flattened.

The Minister of Agriculture, Senior Jaime Wheelock, said: "The agricultural sector has been severely affected." In the north-west alone, within the radius but not on the path of the hurricane, 40 per cent of banana plantations had been destroyed.

The disaster came only weeks before the winter harvest. Throughout the country, Senior Wheelock said, flooding and winds destroyed crops.

● HELSINKI: The Nicaraguan Deputy Minister for Health, Senior Pablo Coca, said here yesterday his country had appealed for food, drugs and tents.

## Curfews in Sri Lanka

### 'Shoot on sight' order to troops

From Edward Gorman, Colombo

A day-long curfew enforced by armed police and army units, with orders to shoot violators on sight ended in the Sri Lankan capital last night, although curfews were still in force in other parts of the island.

The curfews were imposed because of government fears of renewed mass demonstrations by the Marxist underground movement, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna or People's Liberation Front.

In Colombo, foreign embassies remained shut and tourists and Western correspondents were confined to their hotels. Only emergency hospital cases were allowed to move across the city.

The entire Western and Southern provinces — the latter is regarded as the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna heartland — were under curfews which were due to remain in force until early this morning.

There had been no violence in the curfew-controlled zones by last night, but there were several reports of anti-government protests elsewhere, including at Medawachchiya in the North-Central province, where police used tear gas to disperse demonstrators.

It was near Medawachchiya two weeks ago that 45 Sinhalese villagers were killed by Tamil Tiger separatists fighting for an independent state of Eelam in the north of the island.

Yesterday's curfew followed a call by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, through posters and leaflets, for two members of every family to come out on the streets in the latest in a series of demonstrations and

strikes in an attempt to overthrow President Jayawardene's Government and force the holding of immediate parliamentary elections.

The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna marked the curfew announcement with a bomb attack on the house of a government supporter in Colombo on Monday night, which left seven dead and 70 injured. It has called for more strikes action today in Uva province in the south-east.

The seriousness with which the Government is responding to the movement's threats underlines what many believe will be the pivotal role it is likely to play in December's presidential elections despite the fact that analysts believe it consists of no more than about 2,000 activists.

The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna leadership is currently in negotiation with the opposition presidential candidate, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, who has been struggling to put together a 10-party broad-left coalition headed by her Sri Lankan Freedom Party.

The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna is believed to be demanding, as a condition for joining the coalition and ending its campaign of violence and strikes, that Mrs Bandaranaike back its call for parliamentary elections. The movement is said to be insisting on 20 per cent of the seats in the new assembly and the right to nominate the Prime Minister.

Most observers are sceptical about Mrs Bandaranaike's chances of coming to terms, and predict that any agreement would quickly be abandoned if she came to power.

## Dalai Lama calls for Chinese talks

Delhi (Reuters) — The Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, proposed yesterday that the first official talks with China on the future of Tibet take place in Geneva in January. But some Tibetans see the talks as a sell-out.

The Dalai Lama, in an interview at his residence in the north Indian city of Dharamsala, said he was encouraged by China's younger and more open leadership.

"If the Chinese leadership were the same as 10 years ago, there would be no question of a dialogue. They were like this," he said, clamping his hands over his ears.

He said he would not base the talks on a proposal he made in June to the European Parliament which would give China foreign policy control over an internally self-governing Tibet. China rejected the proposal, but said that the Dalai Lama could set a time and place for talks if he dropped the self-rule idea.

Some Tibetans protested that he had already made too

many concessions to China at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Mr Lhasang Tsering, president of the radical Tibetan Youth Congress, responded yesterday: "There can be no compromise on the issue of independence. The Tibetan people will be very sad and very shocked at these talks."

"We are not fighting for a piece of land, we are fighting for a way of life."

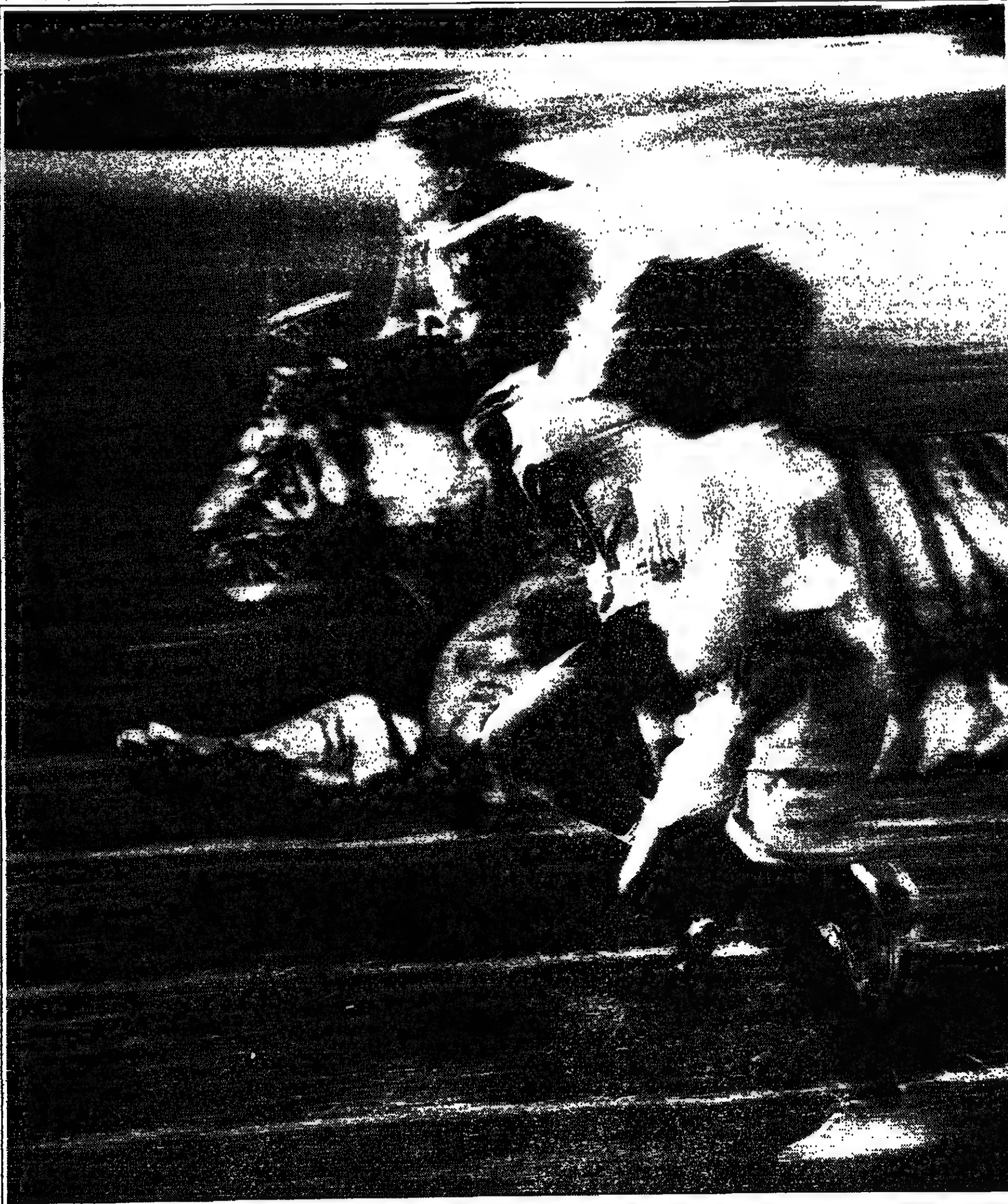
The Dalai Lama said that talks did not constitute compromise. "If I were to make further concessions, the Tibetans might kick out their Dalai Lama," he chuckled. But he said that a massive influx of ethnic Chinese was the main threat. "If it continues, that is the real end of Tibet."

His supporters claim some six million Tibetans live in China. Peking says it is less than four million and that only 73,000 Chinese live in Tibet, excluding troops.

China gives no figures for its forces in Tibet, but Western estimates put the strength at about 200,000.

The Dalai Lama, who denies any political ambition, said he hoped China and Tibet would develop a genuinely peaceful co-existence.

"The essential thing is that it is a truly equal and voluntary relationship. It is possible. Why not?" he said. "The only obstacles are ignorance and prejudice."



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## Lawson 'wrong in every important forecast'

In a sustained attack on the policies of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Gordon Brown, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that Mr Lawson had been proved wrong over the past seven months in every important forecast and assessment.

Opening an Opposition debate on a motion condemning the Government's mismanagement of the economy, Mr Brown said that the Chancellor in March had said that he was presiding over an economic miracle.

He had said then that inflation would be at 4 per cent, but it was nearly 6 per cent and now he had said it would continue rising for many months. "It makes it the longest temporary blip in history."

The trade deficit was also higher than Mr Lawson had predicted, and savings had fallen, whereas he had said they would rise because of the top-rate tax cuts.

Unemployment had started to edge upwards despite his prediction that it would fall. He had also been wrong about interest rates, which had risen eight times.

These errors could have been averted had the Chancellor practised some self-discipline himself instead of telling others to do so when he talked about inflation, interest rates, savings and trade deficits.

The Budget should have been a Budget for investment, the tragedy is that because of the Chancellor's mistakes, his top-rate tax cuts have been paid for in the mortgage and price rises of the summer and autumn and are now, we fear, to be followed by the public spending and child benefit cuts.

For millions of families at, below or just above average income, the tax cuts of the spring had been wiped out by the mortgage rises. Households had faced price rises for electricity, water, rail and Tube fares and prescriptions.

This was the first Chancellor in history who had spent £6 billion in tax cuts and made most families worse off.

Having created these problems by his misjudgement, what was his response? It was to threaten public spending.

The economic imbalance facing the country had arisen, not from an excess of public expenditure on those who needed it, but from excessive and unnecessary tax cuts for those already well off.

The Opposition were asking for an autumn statement announcing further investment, which would, if necessary, be paid for by reversing the top-rate tax cuts.

Nothing was more revealing of the Government and its priorities than that it should consider freezing child benefit and putting that in second place to top-rate tax cuts.

Could he explain to 6 million mothers and 12 million children why child benefit was being frozen, even though it was known to be the most effective, economical and efficient means

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of relieving family poverty?

Analysis showed that 2,000 wealthy citizens would gain as a result of cuts in inheritance tax exactly what it would cost to up-rate child benefit for 12 million children.

What civilized society would use the cash for 12 million children, who deserved it, for 2,000 rich, who did not?

It was not just public services or home owners that had been hit by the Government's ill-judged strategy, but industry too. High interest rates had already added £1 billion to the costs of industry and a volatile exchange rate had made it more difficult to export.

"The one instrument the Government has chosen to use - high interest rates - is the one that does most damage to industry. The policies the Government thinks are right for Britain are the policies that are actually wrong for British industry."

If Britain was doing well, why had manufacturing output only

just returned to the levels of 1979, while in Japan in the past nine years it had risen 45 per cent, and 25 per cent in the United States, 16 per cent in Italy and 12 per cent in Germany?

Why had our share in manufacturing exports in world trade actually fallen and why was manufacturing investment not much more now than when the Conservatives came to power?

Why were our exports, even in this year of high growth, growing more slowly than all our European competitors except one, while our imports were growing faster than all but Italy's and Greece's?

The result was a trade deficit the highest in our history. That was wrong because it was not just the traditional industries that were hit, but the new and high-technology industries - electronics, computers and plastics.

"The problem is not old industries making way for the new industries, but the new industries at home making way for the new industries from

abroad to take over our market."

The present Government had had £180 billion that had never previously been available to any government, including £120 billion from North Sea oil, and yet no other government had invested so small a share in British industry, with the result that the country was more poorly prepared for 1991 than its competitors.

"It has failed to prepare the economy for the future and left society ever more polluted, more congested and unfair and divided. These are the mistaken policies of discredited ministers in a failing Government."

Mr Nigel Lawson moved an amendment congratulating the Government on economic policies which had led to falling unemployment, record manufacturing output and rapidly rising investment.

He said that Mr Brown had an obsession with what he called top-rate tax cuts, but the top 5 per cent were paying a significantly higher proportion of the income-tax yield than when Labour was in office.

The whole of the increase in income-tax yield, in real terms, came from the top 5 per cent, while the remaining 95 per cent were paying no more in real terms.

"The purpose of the cuts in top and higher rates is to improve incentive (Labour laughter), but Labour are not interested in the economy performing better, but simply in making it."

He was astounded at Mr Brown's impudence on the subject of pensions, since these had gone up by an average 2.5 per cent a year under this Government, whereas under Labour there was no increase. They had robbed the pensioners by changing the system of uprating, by negative interest rates, and most of all by the ravages of inflation.

Mr Brown had appeared exclusively concerned about public-sector investment, but if that was the Opposition's policy, they had a curious way of putting it into practice when they had last had the chance. Under Labour, spending on roads had fallen 40 per cent. The Conservatives had increased it by 30 per cent.

Not content with cutting nurses' pay by 20 per cent in real terms, the last Labour Government had slashed hospital spending by nearly a third. The present Government had increased hospital spending by more than 40 per cent, just as they had increased nurses' pay by more than 40 per cent in real terms.

"The investment boom that is now taking place throughout the country is a sign of the new-found confidence of British business and industry. It is a confidence that has infected the entire British people. That is why they have been saving less and spending more."

"We are growing rather too fast. I would not expect the Labour Party to know how to deal with that situation, since it is a problem they never had to face. It is about the only economic problem they did not face."

"It is clear that the problems

we face would have been infinitely worse had I accepted even the smallest part of the advice they gave me at the end of last year and indeed for much of this year."

The Labour Party had taken the stock-market crash last October as the signal that the recession, which they had been confidently predicting for the past six years, was finally upon them.

The problem was that the economy as a whole, and domestic demand in particular, had been growing too quickly with inflation edging up and the current account of the balance of payments moving into substantial deficit.

The current account deficit was not in itself a cause for alarm. In today's global market, it was inevitable and desirable that there should be net capital flows from one country to another which may last for a series of years.

"British industry is thriving, investing for the future and drawing on the savings of the world to do so."

But what did need to be addressed, and had been, was the emergence of inflation. That was why interest rates had been raised and raised substantially.

"They will have to remain as high as it takes for as long as it takes to get on top of inflation. And that in return will require MO to be heading firmly back towards the target range I set at the time of the Budget."

"I realize that higher interest rates will not be popular, are not popular, with home owners or small businesses. But this Government has never shirked from taking unpopular measures when it is necessary to do so."

"A sustained rise in inflation would be far, far more damaging than a period of higher interest rates."

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab) said that interest rates had been raised not once but nine times.

"Does he ever accept any responsibility for the slightest possibility that it was his mistaken policy that caused the increase in inflation in the first place, and therefore the consequences lie with him and with his ministerial colleagues?"

Mr Lawson said: "Whatever mistakes with the benefit of hindsight I may have made on that front - (Labour cries of 'Oh') - it would have been far worse if I had been far from the advice of Labour who were all the time urging me to cut interest rates and urging me to have a huge fiscal deficit."

The battle against inflation meant that there could be no question of helping out business who failed to curb their costs.

For most of the past 12 months, whenever the pound had strengthened, it had been said that it had become a one-way bet, set to soar out of sight and whenever the pound had weakened, that it was about to plunge disastrously.

The prosaic truth was that throughout the past 12 months, with the exception of a short-lived upsurge in April and May, the sterling index had never varied by even as much as 3 per cent from its present level.



Lord Rees-Mogg (seated), chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council and former editor of *The Times*, took his seat on the independent cross-benches in the House of Lords yesterday. He is pictured with the Garter King of Arms, Sir Colin Cole (left), and his supporters, Lord Weinstock and Lord Hyton (Photograph: Dennis McNeelane)

## Kinnock ordered to withdraw remark Thatcher called a cheat

There was uproar during Prime Minister's questions when Mr Neil Kinnock called Mrs Thatcher a cheat. He later withdrew the unparliamentary remark, which had been used in relation to the subject of child benefit.

The Leader of the Opposition attacked the "deceit" of the plan to freeze the benefit. The Prime Minister told him, and other MPs, to wait for the uprating statement, which would be made soon.

Mr Kinnock: When the Prime Minister said last year that child benefit would continue to be paid as now and direct to the mother, did she decide then that child benefit was to be frozen or did the decision to devalue come later?

Mrs Thatcher: I indicated from this (despatch) box that the particular phrase which was to be found in the Conservative manifesto would be honoured.

He knows full well that there will be a statement on uprating. It will come comparatively soon, either this month or early next month. He really must wait to see what that statement says.

Mr Kinnock: The Prime Minister is dodging again (cheers and protests). I think on this occasion we can safely regard her silence as an admission of guilt. The Prime Minister is a cheat (cheers, protests and cries of "order").

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): I did not hear the last word. I hope it was not unparliamentary (loud protests).

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I say to the House that I did not hear the last word. I am certain that if it was an unparliamentary expression, Mr Kinnock will rephrase it.

Mr Kinnock: The last phrase that I used, if you did not hear it, was the Prime Minister is a cheat (loud protests and cheers).

The Speaker: I do not think that is a parliamentary expression. I would ask him to withdraw that.

Mr Kinnock: I respect your judgement greatly and on that basis withdraw the word "cheat".

Mr Alan Beith, Democrat spokesman on Treasury affairs, asked the Prime Minister to consider the merits of child benefit, not the least of which was that because it was not withdrawn as income rose it did not create a poverty trap as other benefits did.

If the already rich needed an incentive to work, was it not important for those at the bottom to get the full benefit of their efforts to help themselves?

Mrs Thatcher said that child benefit was composed of two factors. One had been the old family allowance, a straightforward distribution to all families; the second had been income tax allowances. The two had been combined and therefore child benefit had not got one quality.

Mr Kinnock: Child benefit plan is a deceit

## Link plan for aid is rejected

The Prime Minister is against the linking of Western aid to the Soviet Union and to Eastern Europe to liberalization there, Mrs Thatcher made clear during question time.

She was responding to Mr David Curry (Skipton and Rippon, C), who said that Mr Gorbachev had a manifest need of Western technology to accomplish the reforms he had promised.

Did the Prime Minister believe that the provision of such aid from the West should be linked to progress on liberalization in Eastern Europe and on disarmament?

Mrs Thatcher: We wish to encourage political and economic reform in the Soviet Union. We have been foremost among the nations doing that.

I do not think it advisable to link that specifically to credits either in the Soviet Union or Eastern Europe. I do not think it would work. We have to have as much possible influence over them on human rights and that could be adverse to the maximum effect we can have.

Compensation for victims

The Prime Minister promised at question time to look into the payment of compensation to the families of victims of IRA violence.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, had said that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board should be far more generous in its treatment of those who had lost their lives because of the IRA.

The family of the MP who was killed in the Brighton bomb (Sir Anthony Berry) had only just been offered £24,000. Did not that indicate that a lot more needed to be done?

Mrs Thatcher said that she took the point and would pursue it.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry, Housing (Scotland) Bill, Lords amendments. Motion on Scottish community care regulations. Lords (2.30): Housing Bill, report, third day.

## Concession for tenants

The Government is to make it easier for council tenants to block a transfer of their homes to new types of "social landlord" in order to defuse a rebellion in the House of Lords (Sheila Gunn writes).

Lords' Coalition, the housing minister, is to offer the compromise to peers in the final stages of the Housing Bill after protests about the present arrangements for tenants' veto on opting out of local authority control.

He has tabled amendments stating that where less than half the tenants vote, their homes will not change hands.

Peers complained that under the Bill as it stands a tenant who does not vote is automatically counted in as agreeing to opt out of local authority control.

Mr Peter Brooke, the Paymaster General, said that the amendment was unnecessary because the documents on which the calculations were based were available to the public. The Bill followed very closely the precedent of 1985.

Mr Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills, C) said that every time the Prime Minister went to the European Council she announced that expenditure would be restrained and when she came back it was announced that Britain would pay more.

Mr Brooke said that if the Bill was rejected the result would be damaging for the UK and Europe.

A motion endorsing the main clause of the Bill was carried by 290 votes to 137 - Government majority, 153.

## 60,000 taking part in Employment Training

So far 130,000 long-term unemployed people have expressed an interest in Employment Training and 60,000 people are in training, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said at a question time.

Employment Training was a voluntary programme.

He was replying to Mr Patrick Thompson (Norwich North, C), who said that the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) was wrong to suggest that Employment Training was just working for benefit.

The union should take the advice of the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, and give the scheme its wholehearted support.

Mrs Alice Mahon (Halifax, Lab) said that Nupe and the TUC had taken a considered

decision not to compel the unemployed into a workfare scheme that forced people into a kind of slave labour not seen since the nineteenth century.

Mr Fowler said that those taking that view had decided whether they were backing the party leader or not. It had been the Labour leader who urged the TUC to back Employment Training. If there had been an ounce of leadership from the Opposition front bench the vote might have gone a different way.

Mr Alistair Burt (Bury North, C) criticized the decision of Labour-controlled Bury council not to take part in the scheme after previously desiring to join.

Mr Fowler said that it was very regrettable that that happened. The Government was finding it possible to provide

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training to take the place of that which would have been provided by local authorities.

"Nothing I say takes away from the blame which attaches to local authorities which again have turned their backs on the unemployed."

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, said that if Employment Training was so good why was there a drop-out rate of more than 50 per cent in many areas after the first interview?

Was it because the training was such poor quality, the allowances were so insultingly low, or because of the smell of creeping compulsion?

Would Mr Fowler give what he had consistently refused to give: a guarantee that the scheme would remain voluntary at least for the lifetime of this Parliament?

Mr Fowler said that in his first answer he had said that this was a voluntary programme. It was subject to normal availability-to-work rules. The fact that 130,000 people had expressed interest and that 60,000 people were now on the programme spoke for itself.

What Mr Meacher had to answer to the country was whether he backed the Leader of the Opposition, who had supported Employment Training.

Mr Terence Lewis (Worsley, Lab) said during last week's session that Mr Fowler's performance would be greeted with derision

by training agents and training managers who complained bitterly of the training shortfall and about a 50 per cent "drop off".

Mr Fowler: There is no 50 per cent drop out.

He said later that he would do all he could to enable disabled people to benefit from the training programmes. There was some provision for women, too. It was part of the Government's policy to try to encourage companies when women wanted to return to the labour market.

Miss Clare Short, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said that Mr Kinnock had said at Bournemouth that Employment Training was "a rotten scheme" and had advised trade unions to stay in to try to improve it.

Mr Fowler had closed the

Training Commission and kicked out the trade unions.

Would Mr Fowler confirm what the *Financial Times* had said on October 17, that his department had issued a confidential circular saying that the priority of Restart interviews for the unemployed was to push them into Employment Training and, if they did not go in, to discover why not?

Was Mr Fowler frightened that the unemployed did not like the scheme?

Mr Fowler said that there was a normal Restart interview, and one option for the unemployed was Employment Training. If someone said that he was going from Restart into training and did not turn up, it was reasonable for the department to find out why.

## EEC budget plan comes under fire

The following report of a Commons debate on the committee stage of the European Communities (Finance) Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government's handling of the British contribution to the European Community budget came under attack from both sides of the Commons when MPs started the committee stage.

The Bill increases Britain's payment by £200 million to £300 million a year, provides for a one-off payment from Britain of £765 million to meet an overspend; and increases the resources available to the Community by a quarter.

MPs complained that the speech by the Prime Minister in Brussels threw doubt on the Government's position and there were calls for an adjournment of the sitting so that the situation could be clarified.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that there seemed to be a growing reaction that there should not be a continuation of an open-ended expenditure of taxpayers' money on the

extravagances of quasi-socialist European committees.

A Labour proposal to set out in the Bill the formula by which Britain's contribution to the EEC budget was calculated was rejected by 284 votes to 106 - Government majority, 178.

Mr Peter Brooke, the Paymaster General, said that the amendment was unnecessary because the documents on which the calculations were based were available to the public. The Bill followed very closely the precedent of 1985.

Mr Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills, C) said that every time the Prime Minister went to the European Council she announced that expenditure would be restrained and when she came back it was announced that Britain would pay more.

Mr Brooke said that if the Bill was rejected the result would be damaging for the UK and Europe.

A motion endorsing the main clause of the Bill was carried by 290 votes to 137 - Government majority, 153.

## Minister apologizes over major

A Government minister apologized in the Commons late on Monday for an error by his department in not notifying the National Identification Bureau that a former Army major's conviction for dishonestly operating military funds in Kenya had been quashed by the Courts Martial Appeal Court 25 years ago.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said in a late-night adjournment debate that Major Peter Cory, formerly of the Royal Army Service Corps, was discharged from jail in 1962 after serving a year's sentence, had been completely vindicated by the appeal court in 1987.

A regrettable error had come to light recently. Because of an oversight by his department in 1963, the National Identification Bureau was not informed of the quashing. The conviction remained on the record there.

"The Government has taken steps to ensure that the National Identification Bureau records are now correct."

Because of the error he had instructed the Ministry of Defence officials to re-examine the procedure for notifying courts

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Major Cory: Regrettable error by ministry

martial convictions to the bureau so as to devise a system that would prevent a wrong conviction being recorded in the bureau's computer or a quashed conviction or sentence not being erased.

He understood that there had

been some preliminary correspondence between Major Cory's legal advisers and Mr Freeman's department on the possibility of a claim, but no details of the claim had been made available. So it would not be appropriate for him to comment further on the matter now.

"If we are to enter legal proceedings concerning any potential claim, it is probably better to let the normal procedures run their course."

Mr Andrew Hunter (Basingstoke, C), raising the case of Major Cory, of Basingstoke, said that the late Mr James Ramsden, who was then Secretary of State for War, had made an inquiry in 1963 and had made inaccuracies in a statement on its findings to the House in that year.

Until those inaccuracies were corrected, Major Cory could not be fully vindicated from a miscarriage of justice.

Mr Ramsden's statement did not mention the "stinging rebuke and condemnation" in the appeal court judgement. At times his statement contradicted the judgement.

Because of the failure to notify the National Identification

## Old Etonians 'are the traitors'

It was trade unionists who were the patriots and Old Etonians who were the traitors, Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, said during Commons question time when he protested at the dismissal of GCHQ workers for belonging to a trade union.

Mr Thomas McAvey (Glasgow, Rutherglen, Lab) raised the issue when he said that the Government had removed from those GCHQ workers their fundamental right to belong to trade union.

Those same workers had been commended for their part in the "Prime Minister's" Falklands war. What possible excuse had the Government got for its action which was a slur on the patriotism of the GCHQ workers?

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said that the action had been necessary because, between 1979 and 1981, 10,000 days had been lost at GCHQ as a result of industrial action.

"I do not believe that any government could stand by

while that kind of action was taken in a security installation."

Mr Meacher asked the Government to reconsider its disgraceful action in dismissing the workers. The right to belong to a trade union was not only the hall mark, but the guarantee, of a free society.

If the Government was genuinely interested in rooting out unreliable workers, when would the Secretary of State learn that it was trade unionists who were the patriots and Old Etonians who were the traitors.

Mr Fowler said that the last point had been a silly comment even for Mr Meacher, who was running hard for a place in the Shadow Cabinet, but he could not get away with that kind of remark.

Union action had been targeted against GCHQ to get publicity for a whole range of other issues as a result of which 10,000 days had been lost at GCHQ.

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# The verdict: sentenced to reform

**The jury on TRIAL**  
Part 3

England's jury system is under criticism from all sides.

Frances Gibb reports in the final part of our investigative series. But there is still general agreement among lawyers, judges, the police and academics that it should be improved rather than given a death sentence

Pressure for change in the English jury system is building up. Some government officials and senior judges want to end the right of the accused to choose jury trial for some minor offences which are usually heard before magistrates. Some members of the criminal bar want fairer jury selection and a literacy test. And some judges and lawyers even want juries abolished altogether for libel cases and complex fraud.

There is consensus that, although the system for the most part works well, there must be changes if public confidence is not to be lost. In Scotland, where the system works slightly differently, there seems to be less concern. Indeed, the right to choose jury trial for minor cases is something many Scots lawyers would like to see extended to their own country. Scots juries number 15 instead of 12, and they can return a not proven verdict where neither guilty nor not guilty seems appropriate.

In England there is division over what should be done about change. Lords Devlin and Scarman, both former law lords, would oppose moves to stop juries hearing fraud, libel or cases of small theft. Devlin asserts, too, that the jury's role is now being subverted in criminal appeals. In the case of the Guildford pub bombers, for instance, he says the Court of Appeal took the jury's job by looking at fresh evidence and then deciding if it was true or not.

The jury has already suffered a gradual erosion of its role. The number of juries which the defence has the right to challenge was cut after the Second World War from 20 to seven. In 1967, majority verdicts were brought in. Then came non-jury Diplock Courts in Northern Ireland, and in 1977 defence challenges were further cut from seven to three. Now they are to be abolished in the new Year. And this year the Criminal Justice Act strips defendants of the right to choose jury trials in cases of common assault, driving while disqualified and taking a motor vehicle.

Even more changes are about to come into effect. These include an increase in the upper age limit for jurors (from 65 to 70) and further cuts on the right to a jury trial. The Lord Chancellor's officials are working on proposals to put the Home Office for ending the right in cases of minor theft.

A recent survey in London suggested that cases of theft and handling of goods worth

less than £50 take up 10 per cent of the crown court case load and 8.8 per cent of court time.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, strongly backs the changes over minor theft. There has not been a decision on whether to proceed on such reforms, but the Home Secretary has hinted at a new Criminal Justice Bill which would provide a vehicle. Whether it would go through Parliament is another matter. Opponents say that where a defendant's reputation for honesty is at stake, he should have a right to be tried by his peers.

But some QC's take the view that the idea - always in the past strenuously opposed by the Criminal Bar Association - should be looked at again. Lord Hailsham, too, strongly favours change. He believes the jury system works "reasonably well", but also says that "it is a total waste of time for juries to try petty theft and small crimes. When was Lord Chancellor's man elected trial by jury for the theft of two milk bottles, it could have been tried by the magistrates perfectly well."

He argues that there are already offences where the defendant does not have the right of trial by jury even though his reputation is very much at stake. "Which would hurt a person's reputation more if they had beaten their dog to death, or stolen two bottles of milk? Jurors are not there as volunteers, they are matched from their occupations at very great personal inconvenience, and it is an insult to ask responsible citizens to try this sort of case without any reward."

Hailsham says that many prisoners are kept in remand cells awaiting trial "simply because some other person, probably with an exaggerated sense of his own importance, insists on his jury."

The House of Lords, however, would clearly be split. Scarman argues equally strongly against the Hailsham view. He says juries in general often "have a sounder instinct than some judges". He feels that it is important that "the opinions of the people and the values of the people are brought into a court. Small theft today is still a serious matter."

Some lawyers claim that fraud trials can be so complex and technical that juries cannot fully grasp the issues involved. They also tend to be very lengthy, resulting in jurors asking to be excused service. It could be argued that the result is that the eventual



The three wise assessors? If Lord Roskill's advice was followed, there would be a panel of experts to consider fraud cases too complicated for the layman

## 'We cannot have people ruined for reasons that cannot be made comprehensible to ordinary men and women'

jurors virtually "select themselves".

Lord Roskill's report in 1985 on fraud trials urged that juries in such cases should be replaced by a panel of judges and assessors made up of professional people (accountants, brokers, bankers and so on). The Government rejected the proposal, but it still commands considerable support. Lord Hailsham backs Roskill's proposals and says: "Simplification is the task of skilled advocacy. We cannot have it said that in England

citizens. But what kind of random selection can you get in a trial billed to last for seven to nine months? You can't get the unemployed who is seeking a job; you can't get the housewife with small children, you can't get the self-employed chemist - the answer is a bloody bad selection."

Other leading figures are against the Roskill proposals. As Lord Devlin put it: "Simplification is the task of skilled advocacy. We cannot have it said that in England

people can be ruined for reasons that cannot be made comprehensible to ordinary men and women. That would be the end of democracy."

There is also growing support for ending jury trials in libel cases, virtually their last remaining role in the civil courts. Lord Hailsham is strongly in favour of change - Lords Devlin and Scarman are against.

Peter Carter-Ruck, the leading libel lawyer, says: "It is a

basic principle of English law that where life, liberty or honour are at stake, people are entitled to be judged by their fellow countrymen." But if juries are to remain for libel, he says, they should be given an indication by the judge of the "bracket" within which to award damages. At present, juries have no guidance except previous awards they have heard about. Soon after the Jeffrey Archer award of £500,000, there was a case involving a small trade magazine which had apologized and offered £2,000 damages. Yet the jury awarded £300,000.

The abolition of the defence's right to challenge jurors without giving a reason has made some lawyers left behind might not be in breach of the right to a fair hearing under the European Convention on Human Rights. The Crown can still challenge without giving reason. But there is a widespread view that either the right should be given to both sides, or denied to both sides.

David Cocks, QC, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, argues strongly that leaving the Crown's rights unchanged creates a "massive imbalance in favour of the prosecution".

The present rules allow the Crown to vet potential jurors for previous convictions, and for their politics in national security and terrorist cases. The defence cannot do so. Judges and lawyers are split over whether security vetting is even lawful.

Vetting is done by the police Special Branch or the security services. Any information revealed is passed to the Director of Public Prosecutions and, if relevant, to prosecuting counsel. Some prosecuting counsel then disclose it to the defence but, Cocks says, there is no duty on them to do so, although there should be.

Where challenges are made and involve sensitive material, he proposes a hearing in camera in the defendant's absence but with the information disclosed on a "counsel to counsel" basis.

Pressure for change on all these fronts is likely to increase. Despite the conflict in views, those advocating change - as well as those resisting it - start from the same point: that the jury is fundamental to the machinery of justice in this country. But the real test of any change will be whether the public thinks so, too.

### THE ACADEMICS AND THE JURORS

#### TIME FOR A CLOSER EXAMINATION

Juries must contain more professional people if they are to withstand current criticism, according to an academic who has studied the system in detail. Peter Duff, law lecturer and joint editor of *The Jury Under Attack*, published in August, says the abolition of the peremptory challenge, which has been used regularly against the professional classes, is an excellent first step in ensuring more representative juries.

"The next step must be to stop allowing people off the panel so easily," he questions whether all members of the medical professions should be exempt automatically from service and whether more checks should be made on those who are excused. He disagrees with those who want jurors to have some educational qualifications. "Lack of education does not necessarily detract from a person's ability to assess evidence or weigh up witnesses," he says. "It would be wrong to have a partial, middle-class view."

#### WHY NOT CALL IN PROFESSIONALS?

Many of the jurors interviewed by *The Times*, some of whose views were published on Monday, were so dismayed by their experiences that they believe the jury system should be abolished. Some want to see radical changes to make it more representative and to remove prejudice. Very few believe it should remain unchanged. Leading the "abolition lobby" are a Scandinavian woman who was unimpressed by the proceedings and by her fellow jurors during two spells of jury service, and an Islington businesswoman who was angered by the attitudes of other jurors. Both believe judges should sit with professional jurors, as happens in some European countries or with a panel of experts. A Suffolk woman who served at St.

Albans Crown Court says: "Those who speak highly of British justice have never served on a jury. The system seems a great waste of time and money and has little relevance to real justice. I feel most strongly that those administering justice should be of reasonable intelligence and probity and have some suitable training."

An Essex woman says: "We live in an age when ordinary untrained minds cannot make judgments on other people who have not been able to cope with life." But a business consultant who battled with illiterates and anti-police bias when he was foreman of a jury still believes the system is the best - "even if it is a lottery". Like all the people we interviewed, he welcomes the abolition of the peremptory challenge.

## Fashion ain't what it seems

Trousers will be worn on the head this autumn - this is the hot news from one of the most satisfying Paris Collections for the past decade.

Rarely has such a variety of ideas and philosophies from the greatest minds in the world of fashion been put to such effect. First, there were the beautiful creations of Karl Lagerfeld, whose "Guernica" collection, with its debt to Picasso, is riddled with bullet holes. His imaginative use of the soup bowls of Moroccan peasants as wonderful full and robust ear-rings is unlikely to be surpassed.

The much-feted Designer of the Year, Whistleb, Ostrich, has caused a revolution in his revival of the use of a used toffee wrapper as a fashion accessory, to be stuck on the neck, ankle, or elbow.

Elsewhere, the diaries of Sir Roy Strong could be seen to have influenced many younger designers, who incorporated a drooping moustache motif in glorious red and gold on much of their knitwear, while Christian Dior's Baby Bear collection is designed to be left at home on trips abroad.

Dazzling and thought-provoking, Gaubert's "Weeping Woman" collection has been

this year's undoubted success, though this creation, in which a distraught housewife is employed as the shawl, is not yet part of his ready-to-wear collection. Last Spring, hats were worn on the feet, and this Spring it is likely that feet will be worn on the head.

Once again, Paris has set the pace for the ever changing world of fashion. Twenty-five years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, startling new evidence has come to light which overturns all previous startling new evidence.

Until now, two Special Commissions and at least 500 different authors have been hampered in their investigations by the strange fact that, while everyone else in the world can remember exactly what they were doing on November 22 1963, those then in Dallas can remember nothing.



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ing. Nevertheless, all investigators unanimously agree that the one person who could not have assassinated the President was Mr Lee Harvey Oswald, who, with a sawn-off shotgun, was quietly leaving through some old times in the Dallas book repository.

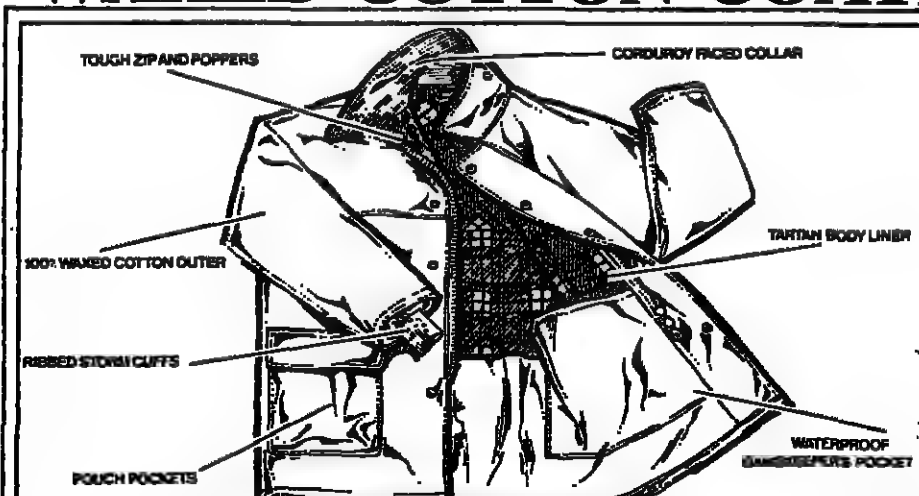
In the past, the most probable explanation has been that the deed was performed by many different organizations acting in partnership. Working in conjunction with the FBI, the CIA were believed to have approached the KGB ASAP after the event, telling them to MYOB and to RSVP with LSD if they wished to effectively silence C&A. RPM, an organization dedicated to running around in circles, was believed to be working with

LBW, one of whose members was seen limping from the scene after the first shot at JFK.

This explanation ignores the activities of the notorious Mafia, a brotherhood dedicated to the weaving of hideous table mats and ungainly items of headwear. When President Kennedy ordered a complete clear out of all Mafia tablemats in the White House the so-called "Hoods", named after their ridiculous home made headgear, made him a marked man. So was it a revenge killing? This seemed probable until startling new information came to light.

In every single piece of information presented to the Warren Commission, the name of one person was repeated. All witnesses reported seeing him only yards from the spot where Kennedy met his death: yet, until now, they have all failed to make the connection. The man is, of course, "Grassy" Knoll, a Cuban-educated, fluent Russian speaking, one-time CIA agent sometimes known as "Leafy Lawn". He had been seen at that exact spot in Dallas for some years before the fateful day, and is reported to be still there now. After 25 years, the matter can be laid to rest.

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# TIMES DIARY

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Committee Room Six at the House of Commons witnessed an extraordinary event yesterday — British Coal, the NUM and the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers making common cause. They are opposing, at least in their present form, two private bills to allow the extension of port facilities at Immingham and North Killingholme on Humberside. They argue that these facilities will be used to import cheap foreign coal which will threaten British coal mining.

The bill's committee stage, likely to last many days, if not weeks, promises to be quite a spectacle. Sir Frank Layfield QC, who conducted the inquiry into the Sizewell B nuclear power station, is leading for Associated British Ports, promoter of the Immingham bill. Other bewigged and berobed QCs will represent the UDM and British Coal. Representing the NUM in person will be the demagogic Arthur Scargill, who has clearly spotted a wonderful opportunity to open within the precincts of the Commons a full-scale debate on the future of the British coal industry. Scargill is officially listed as the NUM's agent. To become the agent he has had to present the Commons authorities with a "certificate of responsibility" signed by an MP, peer or lawyer. No one yesterday was prepared to say who had put his name to so highly debatable a proposition.

One man keenly interested in the alleged "asset-stripping" of Royal Ordnance by British Aerospace is John Cartwright, SDP MP for Woolwich. The assets which concern him are a fine pair of 1858 wrought-iron gates that were removed from the crumbling old shell foundry at Woolwich Arsenal in 1967 and re-erected at RO's Patricroft factory near Manchester. Last July Cartwright wrote to the RO chairman, Maurice Dixon, to say that the Arsenal's historic buildings were being restored and to ask if he would return the gates to their rightful home. Dixon refused, saying that the gates were the property of the company and that they were not to be used for anything other than their original purpose. Cartwright has asked Dixon to reconsider: "... surely it makes more sense to let the shell foundry gates return home to Woolwich," he wrote, "rather than to cart them off to another of your dwindling band of factories."

At Labour's Blackpool conference last month the TGWU leader, Ron Todd, described his union as a dinosaur, pointing out that "for 200 million years and more they (dinosaurs) ruled the world". Todd is a dangerous man to mock. Neil Kinnock's "let me put you out of your misery, bruvva" quip in his speech to last year's party conference is reckoned to be one reason for Todd's trouble-making this year. The Labour party bookshop is therefore surely courting further trouble by selling inflatable 3ft plastic dinosaurs at £2.10 apiece.

Sebastian Coe and Steve Cram will follow in some illustrious footsteps when they attempt to complete the 380-yard circuit of the Great Court at Trinity College, Cambridge, before the



college clock strikes twelve this Saturday. No, I am not referring to Lord Burghley, the one man known to have achieved the feat, but to certain now very senior politicians. When "Rab" Butler retired as Master of Trinity in 1978 all MPs who had been students there returned for a farewell dinner. Well fed and in high spirits, they all trooped into the historic court just before midnight. As the clock began to chime, Willie Whitelaw, later to be Deputy Prime Minister, led them off around the circuit, closely followed by Douglas Hurd, now Home Secretary, and John Nott, later to be Defence Secretary. Alas, none came close to making it. Whitelaw, I'm told, was barely halfway round as the last chime faded.

The soft-left Tribune group, representing half the Parliamentary Labour Party, is not the poodle of Neil Kinnock that many people think it is. Word had gone out that the Labour leader wanted Tony Blair, Martin O'Neill, Clive Soley, Joan Lester and Harriet Harman on Tribune's slate for the imminent shadow cabinet elections. When the slate was announced on Monday it included such independent spirits as Clare Short and David Blunkett — with Soley and Ms Harman having fallen by the wayside.

If Europe is the common political issue, you can be certain that Michael Heseltine will not be far behind with his alternative Tory prospectus. Sure enough, he is currently writing an instant book on the subject which he plans to have out in time for next June's Euro-elections. The theme, I am told, will be the need for Britain to be an active and leading member of the Community rather than winging from the wings. In particular it will urge far greater collaboration in joint European projects. That is a question which Heseltine knows much about. It was his failure to persuade the Prime Minister and her colleagues of the merits of the European package to rescue Westland that led to his dramatic resignation from the Cabinet.

# Now it's up to the people

The Prime Minister talks to Robin Oakley about her chief concerns: the environment, Europe, fighting the IRA, inflation and the need for responsible citizenship

The Prime Minister may only enjoy the approval of the environmentalists who have applauded her recent speeches on the subject for a brief span. She is now preparing to use her anti-pollution arguments in favour of the nuclear power programme.

There is no doubt of the vigour with which she has seized upon green issues. It has awoken in her the instincts of the scientist she once was. She says: "I don't want to feel our generation is bringing about fundamental changes in the Earth on which we live and is leaving debts to future people."

Mrs Thatcher says we have to consider a much heavier nuclear programme "because, don't forget, the Greenhouse Effect is partly because you're taking a fantastic amount of electricity from coal." Nuclear power is much cleaner than coal. "We're already spending a fantastic amount on Sellafield and we have to decide finally what to do with the low-level and middle-level waste. But it doesn't put up carbon dioxide into the air which can start to increase the rate of melting of the polar ice caps."

Britain's record is good, she says. "We've got one of the better systems against pollution. The amount we are pouring into Sellafield in investment is colossal. What we have done on the countryside and wildlife is an earnest of good faith and capability that when a problem is identified — when it has a scientific cause and effect — then we deal with it on the basis that we know what to do. We've done that on the smaller things. We'll do it on the bigger things."

Asked about the claims by European commissioner Stanley Clinton Davis that Britain had been dragging its feet on European environmental initiatives, Mrs Thatcher said she agreed that "the most difficult thing was the acid rain coming from coal. It did take us longer. It's all very well for other countries which don't get a high proportion of their electricity from coal which is full of sulphur dioxide. Had we gone the way that France did and now got 60 per cent of our electricity from nuclear generation we shouldn't have the problem."

"Some of the people who are critical on the environment aren't exactly helping to get more nuclear power — which, of course, would deal both with the Greenhouse Effect and with acid rain."

Warning that you can't go back to a kind of village life or ignore the wish of the Third World for higher living standards, Mrs Thatcher said: "You have to have certain rules which permit the increased growth but also enable us to preserve the environment."

"Everyone has a responsibility for the environment. It's no use throwing rubbish down on motorways, chucking cigarette packets and Smith's crisps packets out of car windows and then complaining that the banks on the motorways are in a filthy state. If I have one wish it is that our people come to take their responsibilities in this extremely

seriously so that our streets will be as graffiti free and as clean as some of those you see in Holland and Germany and in Toronto."

MRS THATCHER's other major autumn offensive has been on Europe. When she talked of people "trying to suppress nationhood and concentrate power at the centre of a European conglomerate", who were her targets?

She replied: "The warning goes out to two sorts of people. Some in the Commission who are trying to get every directive far too detailed in restrictions. Going towards the single market means reducing restrictions on trade by having the same basic standards, not standardizing everything."

"Then there are a lot of countries in Europe who think in a socialist way. Therefore their first instinct is to try to get a considerable number of controls. That wasn't the objective of the founding fathers."

She knows from experience that when people either at the United Nations or in the EEC talk in vague phrases it is because they dare not tell you what they mean. "So I come out with what they mean."

She dismisses all need for a European "company" statute, recalling that she told fellow European leaders at their last Council meeting: "You regard workers as a different species. It's absurd. What an old-fashioned Marxist concept. Our task is not to say the world owes you a living but to try to give everybody the best opportunity we can to make use of their own talents. Workers aren't a different species from everybody else. We are all workers. What I'm trying to say is every worker should be an owner, every owner should be an earner. What are you doing with these outdated Marxist doctrines?"

Mrs Thatcher says people have been talking vaguely in terms of a federal Europe which is "against the grain of our people". She said: "We have brought it out into the open. People who wanted to tie it up in more regulations, people who wanted a federal Europe are very cross. Everybody else is cheering like mad."

But why is she so adamantly opposed to a European Central Bank, to a common currency and even to participation in the European monetary system? Her response was to ask the Euro enthusiasts to define their terms, which normally ended the conversation.

"A central bank has a total and absolute duty to protect the value of the currency. To do that it has to be capable of determining without contradiction monetary policy. It eliminates the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament. I don't think people would take that. We are very disparate countries with very disparate economies."

NEXT MONTH the Prime Minister flies to Washington to meet the new American president. Asked what advice she would offer, she made it clear that the policies pursued by President Reagan had been "very much

everything that I believe in." There had been only one fundamental difference — that she did not believe in budget deficits. Giving a clear hint that she would urge a reduction in the US deficit, she said: "We got rid of our budget deficit and we're into a period of budget surplus when we can redeem the debt which other people built up in the past."

She praised American caution about the 50 per cent reductions in strategic weapons saying: "You've got to see at the end of the negotiation you haven't undermined your fundamental security and balance. It is more important to get the right agreement than to get a quick agreement."

In any case, she added, "if I thought they were going too fast I'd always come in and warn." As the first Western leader to do business with Mr Gorbachev, Mrs Thatcher said she was also the first to express the hope that he would succeed and that we would do everything possible to help — "but you don't take risks with your security and freedom and justice."

And did she give a new form of Marshall Aid, as some in Europe are now suggesting? These phrases come out. But it's just not appropriate. What we each of us try to do is to give a certain amount of credit to get trade going because the Russians have a very good record on meeting their credit debt accounts."

On the Middle East, Mrs Thatcher signalled her desire to push President Reagan's successor into staging an international peace conference.

ON THE domestic economy, Mrs Thatcher said that inflation, though lower than it was at any time during the last Labour government, was too high and

pledged "it will come down". She said that Britain was doing well on exports but the savings ratio had dropped. Steps had been taken to make borrowing more price and saving more beneficial. Mrs Thatcher said that interest rates would have to stay high for quite some time to correct this imbalance "but I have the impression it is beginning to work."

Despite the reports this year of little local difficulties with Nigel Lawson, she said: "The Chancellor and I are absolutely at one and always have been but inflation — getting it down — is the top priority. We say it time and again and we think people are bored with it, but because we did not say it sufficiently strongly one time then they wondered if he had come off it. Of course he hasn't come off it. Neither of us have."

She confirmed that Sir Alan Walters would be returning to Downing Street next year to act as her economic adviser but said the precise terms had not been settled. She was careful to pay tribute not only to her favourite adviser but to the Chancellor's too. She said of Sir Alan: "He's that remarkable person — a very modest economist, and a very effective one." Then she added: "So I might say also, because I have the greatest admiration for him, is Terry Burns. It's not surprising he and Alan get on very well, they're a pair of modest economists."

ASKED if she intended to lead the Conservative Party at the next election, Mrs Thatcher replied: "I would wish to do that. It doesn't wholly depend on me of course." Did she have a date in mind for retirement? "No. But obviously one isn't indestructible."

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...quite." Then she added: "Some time there will come along a person who can do it better than I can. And I'm always on the lookout. But I expect myself to do it for the fourth term. I hope to do it for the fourth term and I hope we would be returned for a fourth term."

Asked if she still employed the system she had announced on coming to office of using the cabinet as her political advisers, Mrs Thatcher said there was greater unity and understanding after the successes their policies had achieved over the past 10 years. "There's no fear of making difficult decisions in cabinet. They know it's because we didn't run away from them that we got through."

MRS THATCHER signalled her support for the idea of ensuring that those drawing unemployment benefit were actively seeking work. The Beveridge Scheme, she said, was a mutual insurance scheme against absence of earnings if you were old, sick or unable to find work. "It is not unemployment benefit as a right because you choose to be idle, it is because you cannot get a job."

Saying there were places where it was difficult to find people to do even unskilled jobs, the Prime Minister added: "You are honour bound to the people who work honourably and hard to see those who are claiming are properly available for work and properly trying to get a job."

Mrs Thatcher is also anxious to act on what ministers see as a growing problem of the welfare state — the young single girls who deliberately become pregnant in order to jump a housing queue and gain welfare payments. Admitting that it was a difficult issue to which the Government did not yet have an answer, Mrs Thatcher emphasized that the social security system had been designed to give help in days when there were not many single parent families.

They had to look at the figures and seek to help the genuinely unfortunate without magnifying the original problem. DEFENDING the Government's decision to end the right to silence and ban the access of Sinn Féin and other supporters of violent terrorism to radio and TV, the Prime Minister said that judges had been saying that many people believed to be guilty were escaping justice because of the right to silence.

"None of us can be neutral as between the terrorist and the law-abiding citizen. None of us can be neutral towards the police and army whose job it is to uphold our liberty and security — we are not spectators in the battle of terrorism versus the law. Give those their chance and they will destroy democracy itself because they wish to crush decisions by the ballot box and replace it by decisions by the bullet."

Terrorists used the methods of war and we were trying to fight them with civil rules. Those civil rules had to be modified where they proved insufficient. "To beat off your enemy is a war you have to suspend some of your civil liberties for a time."

What if terrorist supporters managed to beat the broadcasting ban through the vast increase anticipated in satellite TV broadcasting? "The only thing we could do here is to make it an offence to beam such stuff into this country if heeds be."

FINALLY, asked about the greater emphasis on social policy, Mrs Thatcher said: "You don't get a responsible nation until you get a nation of responsible citizens. That is the price of freedom." And did she have any other major political theme in the offing? She replied that new ideas did not come only from governments. It was for the Government to keep the law up to date, to maintain foreign relations and to provide fundamental, basic social services. But it was people in the end who enlarged their own lives.

Commentary • MARY DEJEVSKY

## Eastern overtures

A myth is gaining currency which holds either the promise of the orient or a warning of red and yellow perils, depending on who is speaking. The myth is that Peking and Moscow are equally enthusiastic about reviving the Sino-Soviet entente and that Deng Xiaoping and Mikhail Gorbachev cannot wait to hold a summit meeting.

So far, the myth has done no particular damage — except to the truth. It has merely confirmed prejudices. The political right sees the undoubted warming of Sino-Soviet relations over the past two years as evidence that the 25-year old schism was no more than a temporary deviation from the inexorable march of communism worldwide. The political left sees it as a welcome sign that the dispute, for all its virulence, was no more than a lovers' tiff which has played itself out, leaving harmony in the communist world.

A Deng-Gorbachev summit would be the apotheosis of either view, which may be why so little attention has been paid to the mechanics of the present Sino-Soviet rapprochement. The occasional red herring has not helped. Two weeks ago an infelicity of translation suggested that Deng Xiaoping had fixed a summit date early next year. A correction showed, however, that Deng had simply not ruled out the idea of a summit. Inevitably, the correction received less comment than the error. The myth of bilateral impatience for a summit was only strengthened.

Over the past year Peking and Moscow have not made equal running towards what must, in time, become the Peking sum-

mit. Nor do China and the Soviet Union have an equal interest in improving relations. The running has been made by Moscow. It was from Moscow that feelers were first extended, and it is Moscow — or rather Gorbachev — that has more to gain. Gorbachev, not Deng Xiaoping, has offered a summit "any time, anywhere" — and for excellent reasons.

The Soviet leader has consistently placed foreign policy high on his political agenda. His pre-eminence in his own country has been accompanied and probably fostered by his regular visits abroad and by a procession of foreign leaders to Moscow. Overtures to China — in particular his speeches in the Pacific port of Vladivostok two years ago and in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk this autumn — have played their part in his overall foreign policy scheme, but the results have been only modest.

Neither Deng nor any other member of the Chinese leadership has recently given the same precedence to foreign relations; nor do their reputations owe so much to foreign policy achievement. China is preoccupied with its own economic difficulties and can for the moment ride a tide of international goodwill and wishful thinking about the eventual opening up of the Chinese market.

For Gorbachev, a Sino-Soviet summit would be a welcome diplomatic triumph. Although the turn towards China began in the last years of Brezhnev, it is he who would be credited with reconciling the Soviet Union and China, both as communist powers and as neighbours. For the Chinese, such a

possibility is a liability as much as a hope. The last time world communism was united, China was very much the junior partner. Its leaders could not be seen to be accepting a similar relationship a second time. Any leader who committed himself to standing alongside Deng Xiaoping at such a meeting would have to be sure that their own position was strong enough to withstand criticism and that the terms of any declaration were clear enough to avoid giving the impression that the world was Moscow-centred.

It is also the Soviet Union, not China, that stands to benefit more from closer economic ties. While China is a far poorer country than the Soviet Union, its economic traditions and the direction of its reforms have given it strength where the Soviet Union is weakest: in small-scale local commerce, production of food and consumer goods, and in marketing. This is where Moscow could seek help from China. Peking, however, no longer needs help with its heavy industry or capital projects in return.

China has benefited from its decision to acknowledge its lack of development and invite help from international agencies. The China of the 1980s has far less need of economic support from Moscow than it did in the 1950s. Spare parts for machinery supplied by Moscow then may be useful, but Peking's sights are set further afield — on co-operation with Japan and the developed countries of the West.

In foreign policy, too, the Soviet Union would benefit more from complete reconciliation with China than would China. An easier Sino-Soviet relationship could, in theory, allow a loosening of the Soviet-Vietnamese alliance, so saving Moscow both money and international opprobrium. China, however, can afford to wait.

Over the last three years it has watched Moscow move successively on the three issues it defined as "obstacles" to full normalization of relations. The Soviet Union is committed to a military withdrawal from Afghanistan, it has reduced the number of troops on the border with China and accepted a redefinition of the river frontier. Vietnam's presence in Cambodia remains both the closest and the greatest obstacle.

China, too, could benefit from peace in Indochina, but not from a peace which strengthened Vietnam. It has to judge when Moscow has reached the limits of what it is prepared to offer. Peking may consider that those limits have not yet been reached.

When a summit date is named, China's motives could well be as personal as they are political. As he nears the end of his long career, Deng Xiaoping may regard a meeting with Gorbachev and the end of the schism as a crowning achievement. Presented in the right way, it might possibly assist his successors. Correct presentation, however, means that the summit would mean one thing to Moscow and another to Peking. For Moscow, it would be the epoch-making reconciliation of the communist world achieved by Gorbachev-the-world-statesman. For Peking, it would be a pragmatic step towards raising its international identity. Of such is diplomacy made.

OCT 26 ON THIS DAY 1857

The Dictionary of National Biography credits John Fowler (1826-1864) with the invention of the steam plough, which, when demonstrated at Stirling, clearly impressed all who saw it with its power and economy. The Fowler works at Hunslet, Leeds, later became well known for their engineering products.

### GREAT STEAM PLOUGH TRIAL AT STIRLING

An important meeting of agriculturists has just been held at Stirling to adjudicate the Highland and Agricultural Society's premium for the best steam plough.

This year a prize of 2000 has been offered by the Highland Society, leaving the committee of the Stirling Association to conduct the trials and adjudication. The three days of private trial began on Tuesday, followed by a public exhibition on Friday and Saturday upon Mr Forsyth's farm at Stewart-hall. A considerable competition was anticipated, especially as the three favourite classes of schemes, represented by a locomotive traction engine, a travelling engine with rotary digger attached, and haulage by wire-ropes, are now taken in hand by our most influential manufacturers. However, owing to a variety of causes, Mr Fowler's steam-plough alone made its appearance, an unfortunate circumstance for the public, as in spite of the prolonged and thorough testing to which the machine was subjected the element of simultaneous comparison has been entirely wanting. This machine is similar in construction to that shown at Salisbury, though with minor

improvements; the combined 10-horse engine and winch at one end of the field, and an anchorage at the other, travelling very slowly, so as to keep always opposite to the ploughing, and dragging the implement to and fro by means of wire-ropes. The ground under operation on Wednesday was a level clover lea, of tansie soil, ploughing until mellowed by frost, before the usual ploughing season of February. Yet, the quality of the work was superior to that of ploughing done by horses for the sake of comparison. At 5½ inches deep two horses were unable to work a common plough, three being required at an expense of at least 15s per acre. Time against time, first for two hours and again for one hour, the steam plough drove four furrows at that depth at the average rate of seven acres in a working day of 10 hours, stopping included, the length of the furrows being 320 yards. The total cost was computed not to exceed 5s per acre.

On Thursday the machine was tried on somewhat lighter soil, a wheat stubble partly overseeded with farmyard manure. The length of furrow varied from 220 to 250 yards, thus necessitating frequent changing of widening gear, &c., at the end of the work which, however, were accomplished in an average space of half a minute. In one hour nearly an acre was turned over seven inches deep, with the above stated conditions as to dimensions of field, &c., this is equivalent to about 48 acres per week, at a total expense of only 6s.3d. per acre, whereas the common cost in the district of such labouring, pair-horse ploughing is 12s. an acre. The excellence of the work was, however, still more the theme of universal approval than the great economy with which it was performed.





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## THE JUROR'S CHALLENGE

Two aspects of the legal system impede the delivery of justice and demand reform. Lawyers operate a large number of restrictive practices that have outlived their usefulness. The jury system, which ought to be the cornerstone of civil liberty, has deteriorated.

This week Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who already possesses a well-earned reputation as a reforming Lord Chancellor, has outlined proposals for the reform of legal practices. The lawyers, who are predictably planning to oppose them, would do better to turn their attention to the disclosures in *The Times* this week about juries.

Justice in the criminal law requires that right should be done, that the guilty be convicted and the innocent set free. The mechanisms by which error is avoided are of fundamental importance to the health of society. Erosion of confidence in such mechanisms should be a matter of concern to all citizens, not just to the police, judges, lawyers, and legal administrators who are familiar with the detail.

Through one of those strokes of genius by the distant originators of the legal system, it was discovered that the fairest and truest way to discriminate between the guilty and the innocent was to leave the verdict to a panel drawn from the common people, a jury of the prisoner's equals. But it was for long thought acceptable, indeed necessary, that jury selection should be weighted to ensure that those who served were mature, respectable and responsible.

The twentieth-century extension of the obligation to jury service to virtually all adult members of society was a reform allied to the introduction of universal suffrage and universal education. At last, it was thought, a jury could be an accurate cross-section of society as a whole.

The most serious finding to emerge from the investigations carried out by *The Times* is that this ideal has been abandoned in practice, and that lawyers have begun to devote much misplaced ingenuity to defeating the randomness of jury selection. In particular, they have

set out in many cases to exclude precisely the class of person, the mature, the responsible and the respectable, who were once considered essential.

This gradual change — from putting only responsible citizens in the jury room to discriminating against them — is central to the decline in the reputation of the jury system. It has happened for the worst sort of reason: the fear that such people might be as far as possible objective, and might not be swayed by loyalties of class, age or race towards the defendant.

A change in the law is already pending, to reduce substantially the scope for such perverse interference by counsel with the composition of juries. But it will not be enough. It will not be sufficient to eliminate defence counsel's right to make peremptory challenges (which they have been using to exclude people for no other reason than that they looked smart); if there is not an adequate supply of older, better educated, better off and presumably better dressed citizens in the pool from which jurors are selected.

Professional people and the self-employed are already likely to resent being called upon to hang round the court-house for several weeks at a time, losing money and business for the good of the administration of justice. If they are then to be rejected repeatedly because of an arbitrary defence challenge, they are even more likely to seek an excuse to evade service.

Service on a jury should be regarded as a primary public duty. Only the most compelling reasons should be accepted as an excuse for not performing it.

Those who administer the system have become too lax. Stricter guidelines from the Lord Chancellor to court officials are urgently needed. At the same time Lord Mackay should address the difficult issue of disqualification. Jurors are already required to admit if they do not speak English. Literacy should be a similar bar. There is a case too for reconsidering whether 18 is a high enough minimum age for jury eligibility.

## TRIBES OF SOUTH AFRICA

For a country like South Africa, whose name is not synonymous with commitment to democracy, it is perhaps paradoxical that elections should so dominate the political agenda. Since 1982, when the ruling Afrikaner oligarchy split in two, the interests of the country have been hostage to an Afrikaner civil war fought out in an endless series of electoral skirmishes.

President Botha's attempts to heal the divisions in his tribe have undermined the Government's credibility among even moderate black South Africans. They have weakened the country's economy, impoverishing not only blacks, but those white voters who would normally be among his most faithful supporters.

The result has been the steady growth of the right. More and more Afrikaners have heeded its promise to return to a past ruled by apartheid — when life seemed simpler, wealthier and more secure. That promise is inherently false, but the signs are that at today's nationwide local elections it could bring Dr Treurnicht's Conservative Party massive gains in the Transvaal heartland of Afrikanerdom.

The effect of the elections on the National Party's battered psyche will depend on several factors: whether the Conservative Party can confine its advance from the rural areas to the towns and cities and whether — as expected — those gains threaten the seats of several Transvaal Cabinet ministers. The consequences, should the election results bear out the National Party's worst expectations, could be disastrous.

Conservative-controlled local councils will try to roll back many of the Government's reforms, but the damage to the country could be even greater. Mr Botha might then be tempted to apply the only remedy he knows: further repression of the left and appeasement of the right. His cowed Cabinet and party could respond by suggesting that the time has arrived for a younger, more flexible man to lead the Government into the next election. Newly

invigorated by his recent diplomatic ventures, however, Mr Botha looks unlikely to relinquish office, especially if the election results are even marginally less bad than the National Party fears.

There are indeed contrary indications that if the National Party manages to hold on to the major cities, Mr Botha may try to breathe fresh life into constitutional structures to accommodate black South Africans. He might well draw encouragement from a higher than usual turnout in today's elections for black local authorities, and is certain to use the black poll as a mandate to appoint black "leaders" to his National Council.

By locking up all except the most prominent of those who have called for a boycott, however, the Government has undermined the legitimacy of these elections. It appears to have forgotten that in a society so fraught with suspicion democracy must not only be practised, it must be seen to be practised.

The persistent failure of the South African Government's constitutional reforms highlights the key reason for its current plight: its paralysing refusal to contemplate anything but the racially determined group as the foundation for the country's political development. This concept has spawned one bizarre constitutional device after another, each of which has foundered on the rock of black rejection. It has also hastened the decline of the National Party and weakened its hold on power.

By refusing to make common electoral cause with its natural allies (moderate blacks like Chief Buthelezi and the Coloureds and Indians who have benefited from its reforms) against those whites who believe that reform has eroded their rights and privileges, the National Party has lost one constituency without gaining another. Until it does so, the once all-powerful National Party will continue to await election results with dread while the future of all South Africans remains hostage to a tribal war.

## SELF PUBLISHERS

The intellectual establishment of the sixties and early seventies supposed that Mrs Thatcher's reforming principles would not endure past more than one election. They had no doubt that Thatcherism, even if they accepted its existence, would quickly founder and that theirs was still the model for the future of society.

Whether they were on the quasi-Marxist wing of the Labour Party or in the broad social democratic front, they believed that by collective provision, controls, and social legislation a good society could be manufactured. The essential ethos was to be state-contrived egalitarianism, on the way to which Thatcherism was no more than a risible hiccup.

The Tories have now won three consecutive elections and seem quite likely to win four. The opposition parties are divided within themselves as they strive for policies to appeal to the voters and satisfy their own supporters. In the search for new ideas, "philosophy" groups of the left are set up and even some Marxists have been converted to proportional representation as the only way of overthrowing the Tories.

The idea of a combination of all anti-Thatcher forces has now produced a new journal. Called *Samizdat*, it is named after the underground dissident publications, copied and passed round by hand in the USSR at great personal risk to those involved.

It is an impertinent name since these British propagandists can say what they like without peril. They justify the title on the grounds that this is a society where "opinion is controlled not by fear of the gale but more subtly through the persuasive powers of the deferential media".

For a group of people who come largely from the media in some form or another, this is an odd statement. The editor, Professor Ben

Pimlott of Birkbeck College is himself an active newspaper writer and at least four of the steering group can be described as journalists, a category which also embraces a high proportion of the contributors.

Others on the steering group include Labour's Baroness Blackstone, the Communist intellectual Mr Eric Hobsbawm and Mr Richard Holmes, the former Liberal Party president, who is described as a "current Democrat policy maker". All are united by dislike of the "vulgar Tory miracle". They acknowledge the reality of its economic advantage but wish to rectify its "social damage".

The magazine is to be welcomed if it can produce the realistic ideas which the wider left so badly needs. But it stands on shaky ground. The *Samizdat* group is nourished chiefly by a common egalitarian fantasy, though none reveals it so candidly as Margaret Drabble, who is troubled by what she calls "dirty" and "democratic" work and would like "a vision of a society where sewer men (are there to be no sewer women?) mixed with TV announcers and pundits and nobody could, at a glance, tell the difference".

This unifying fantasy apart, the divisions within the left are much greater than those which divide social democrats from Mrs Thatcher. There is a chasm between Labour's domination by the union block vote and the centre's acceptance of union reform. Market and profits are words which social democrats accept and the heart of Labour still rejects.

But the deepest division is about democracy and the rights of the individual. The difference between the social democratic and liberal concept of democracy and the socialist incubus of party control puts the hopes of *Samizdat* on the level of a beguiling political mirage.

## Hazards ahead in Docklands

From Mr Nicholas J. Terry

Sir, As an architect who has designed a 2 million sq ft development in London's Docklands, I believe there is a real risk that Docklands (and especially the Isle of Dogs) could become choked by its own success. If that happened it would be an international embarrassment for the UK.

The problem is transport. We have not planned for what is going to happen. Just four of the big developments planned or being built in the Isle of Dogs will bring in a daytime population equivalent to that of a city the size of Cambridge. The road and rail links planned to date will not be able to handle such numbers.

This situation has arisen because of the way Docklands began as an "enterprise culture" initiative — some would say bonanza. To the extent that anything was planned, it was envisaged that the enterprise zone would fill up with light industrial/office buildings — of the kind architects call "crinkly tin". The infrastructure was planned accordingly.

In the event, something completely different happened. The huge rise in property values brought in big international developers, who are now creating a vast new city of offices. The original infrastructure must now be geared up by a massive injection of public/private finance if chaos is to be avoided.

The movement of people is integral to the sense of place that Prince Charles is trying to foster in our cities. Architects have always known that a sense of place depends on people finding pleasure in their movements through urban space.

On current plans that experience in the Isle of Dogs will be dismal and difficult. London Regional Transport, the London Dockland Development Corporation and British Rail, in a joint discussion document issued earlier this month, have admitted that "development in Docklands is projected to occur at a faster pace than transport improvements can be provided".

Unless something dramatic happens on infrastructure investment, the Isle of Dogs could be heading for a heart attack — caused by choking of its inadequate arteries. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS J. TERRY, Managing Director, Heery Architects & Engineers, 49 Russell Square, WC1, October 21.

## Getting there?

From Mr Gordon H. Walker Sir, J. P. Hart (October 20) should be delighted to be considered as a customer by British Rail rather than as a passenger. As a passenger one is simply carried or conveyed, rather as a parcel might be; by thinking of its passengers as people who are customers, British Rail is rightly recognizing that we are free buyers of their services and thus, by implication, that we have a choice and they have competition.

All purchasers make their choices on price, quality and delivery. The quality standards in this case may be considered to be cleanliness, comfort, convenience, punctuality, service, speed and the like. My view, as a West Country customer of BR for many years, is that these standards have improved greatly, are still improving, and offer extremely good value for money on many of their services.

Old habits die hard, and many people who are accustomed to using their cars for long-distance travel simply do not know how pleasant it is to have someone else do the driving and be able to work or relax on a safe and comfortable journey — and in many cases do it more cheaply. Yours, always a customer, GORDON H. WALKER, 8 Chester Place, Mutey, Plymouth, Devon.

## Orchids and scent

From Dr E. E. Simpson Sir, Our native British orchids can hold their own in the aroma stakes (Mr Allen's letter, October 17).

The Butterfly orchid, *Autumn Ladies' Tresses*, and the American orchid, *Burnt Tip* and Green Winged orchids have subtle faint hiotropic scents.

On the less fragrant side, but still scented, the Lizard orchid has a billy-goat scent; the pyramidal orchid smells foxy, and the early purple orchid smells of tom-cats. Yours faithfully, ESTHER E. SIMPSON, 19 Belsize Lane, NW3.

## Exam standards

From Mr J. P. Toomey Sir, The latest survey by HMI on the GCSE (report, October 19) says that it is not yet certain whether the new examination will provide a suitable foundation for more advanced work. In some A-level subjects there has been a change of syllabus reflecting the emphases of GCSE, but in others there is still a wide gap to be bridged by the sixth-form student, and the anxieties expressed are convincing.

As syllabuses change perforce there is surely a unique opportunity to look at the whole sixth-form curriculum. It is not perhaps generally realised that AS levels, although only half the content of A levels, are nevertheless of the

## Contention over 'right to silence'

From Sir Lawrence Byford

Sir, I was pleased to read (report, October 21) that the Government is to curb the "right to silence" for suspects in Northern Ireland courts and I very much hope the Home Office working party comes to the same firm conclusion in relation to England and Wales when it reports soon.

Having served in every rank in the police service, with much of it in the Criminal Investigation Department, I was able to see at first hand how often the criminal justice system was thwarted by this outdated legal rule. It is bad enough when the procedure tips the balance in favour of the accused in minor cases, but when it applies, as it often does, to those charged with murder, rape, and armed robbery, there is little wonder that major crime continues to flourish.

Since Mr Tom King's announcement of the proposed changes we have had the usual predictable objections based on the "rights of suspects", but with scant regard for the "rights of victims".

Thankfully there is a growing and influential lobby in favour of the change, including the vast majority of people in this country who are extremely concerned about the increasing problem of crime. As early as 1827 Jeremy Bentham was highly critical of the right to silence when he stated: "Innocence never takes advantage of it. Innocence claims the right of speaking as guilt provokes the privilege of silence."

It is surely the essential duty of the criminal justice system to establish the truth of the matters in issue — and who is better able to assist in this than the accused? Yours faithfully, LAWRENCE BYFORD, (HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 1983-87), Delfield, Risholme, Lincoln, October 22.

From Mr Francis Bennion Sir, The proposal to change the law so that the trial court can draw an inference from the accused's silence, whether maintained during police questioning or when on trial, is vitiated by a simple logical defect. Under our system of criminal justice such silence is not probative of any one fact, but may be accounted for by a variety of facts. It is therefore not possible to say which is the correct inference.

The Government does not propose to alter the basic rules of our system, namely that the prosecution must prove its case, that a person must not be required to incriminate himself, and that it is not an offence to remain silent. Accordingly the silence of an accused person ("A") may continue to be due to any one of the following reasons — only the first reason is probative of guilt, but it would be illogical for the court to assume the first was necessarily the true reason in the case before it.

A is guilty of the offence charged, but does not wish to incriminate himself. A is innocent of the offence

charged, but guilty of some lesser offence. He does not wish to incriminate himself with regard to the lesser offence.

A suspects that his friend B is guilty of the offence charged. He does not wish to incriminate B. A has some private, non-criminal reason for not wishing to admit certain facts relevant to the charge against him — for example, that he was present at the scene of the crime.

A, though innocent, fears to make matters worse for himself if he says anything.

The sociologist, Christopher G. A. Bryant, wrote this about the last reason, the innocent person's fear of police interrogation: "It is partly that we have done things which we are not ashamed of but which are open to misinterpretation. It is partly that we have blundered, suffered grief or ridicule, changed our minds. It is partly that we fear that mistakes [will be] made in drawing up our file or that information given maliciously [will be] added... We fear that the dossier or printout will be used against us, perhaps wilfully, perhaps not. We are daunted by the time and energy it would take to explain even the things we are not ashamed of and do not consider to have been mistaken."

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS BENNION, 62 Thames Street, Oxford, October 24.

From Mr J. R. Anderson Sir, Public concern about lawlessness may well result in the demands for additional police powers being more favourably considered than it is justified. One current proposal requires closer scrutiny.

The idea that silence in the face of interrogation shall be revealed to the court has superficial attractions and to be sure it falls well short of a return to the medieval sanction of *peine forte et dure*. But the balance of fairness between the accused and the questioner is a fine one.

May I suggest that a reasonable safeguard would be to provide that refusal to reply to questions should be put in evidence only where the accused has had a prior opportunity to consult a solicitor and where the solicitor is present during the interrogation.

This would at least obviate the extreme, but not unknown, case of a confused and inarticulate suspect being pressured by a more sophisticated and perhaps over-enthusiastic officer, with the added coercion that failure to give an answer would be held against him.

Yours sincerely, J. R. ANDERSON, 4 Vardon Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

From Mr Michael Spencer Sir, The abolition of the accused's right to remain silent will no doubt result in police officers cautioning arrested persons thus: "You are not obliged to say anything, but anything you don't say will be taken down and may be given in evidence". Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SPENCER, 1 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.

expensive when their price is multiplied by five!

Why not bring back the old child tax allowance, if the Government is so anxious to reduce income tax? After all this is what most of the family allowance replaced when we were promised that the latter would keep pace with inflation. Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY MORRIS, 63 Dovercourt Road, SE22.

## Under the affluence

From Professor J. L. M. Morrison Sir, I own a few shares in a brewing firm currently under Antipodean siege. I had no thought of selling my shares, but when I receive a letter signed by the chairman of the firm and addressed to "Dear Dr. Esq. dSc" I must confess I begin to wonder.

Yours sincerely, J. L. M. MORRISON, Dreva, Rayleigh Road, Bristol, Avon.

family, the Palinuridae, which bear no large claws at all. The drawing was therefore inappropriate to the story. Perhaps a pair of large claws is what the poor beasts need to defend themselves.

I should also point out that no *whelk*, to my knowledge, possesses a stomach capable of spreading out extra-corporeally; starfish yes, *whelks* no. They do have a rather nasty piece of apparatus called a proboscis that carries a formidable battery of teeth that rasp chunks of meat and drill holes. Equally effective, but not quite so unusual. Yours sincerely, M. S. LAVERACK, Braxton, Boarhills, St Andrews, Fifehire.

students proceed to higher education, and for those who do, would the universities need so much more time to make up deficiencies in content?

It depends what the aim is. With the rapid advance of knowledge even the universities themselves must find it impossible in scientific subjects to teach everything in detail and must be content to teach a student instead how to explore further. This is the aim of GCSE, and should be the aim of A levels also. Yours faithfully, J. P. TOOMEY, (Deputy Headmaster), North Bromsgrove High School, School Drive, Stratford Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, October 20.

## Cancer project defended

From Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP for Uxminster (Conservative)

Sir, I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Cyclotron Trust to deal with some of the misleading statements made by Dr A. Gooldeen (October 24).

Dr Gooldeen states that a "similar programme" to that which is proposed at St Thomas' Hospital is already in operation at Clatterbridge Hospital, in Merseyside. In fact, St Thomas' cyclotron will be used for the treatment of all suitable cases of cancer without the strict limitations imposed by the rules which govern treatment undertaken for research purposes.

Dr Gooldeen gives the impression that only a very few patients with uncommon tumours can be treated effectively with neutron therapy. In fact, our research has clearly shown that there are more people in need of neutron treatment than we can hope to treat with our machine; these people suffer from those kinds of tumour concerning which it has been clearly established that neutrons provide the best hope of cure.

Furthermore, by adjusting the machine to produce proton beams, as we will be able to do, it can also be used to treat cancer of the retina; this treatment is well established, has a high success rate, and is the only one which offers the patient the chance of removing the tumour but retaining the eye and sometimes even the sight of that eye.

The impression is given by our critics that neutron treatment is in an early and experimental phase. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth, and I fear that it provides a classic example of a field of medical treatment in which this country has an early lead which we have thrown away.

Whilst the Medical Research Council have dithered, other more adventurous and effective medical researchers have advanced. There are now over 20 neutron centres either in operation or under development throughout the world.

In Los Angeles, Seattle, Houston, Cape Town, Seoul, Orleans and Hamburg this treatment is available, or will be shortly. How sad it would be if the bickering of the medical profession were to succeed in depriving British National Health Service patients of the treatment so widely available internationally. Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS BONSOR, House of Commons, October 24.

## Stress among heads

From Mrs J. P. Harrington Sir, I would like to suggest one reason why stress among primary school headteachers is higher than that suffered by their colleagues in secondary schools and further education establishments (report, October 21).

Many primary heads are expected to do two jobs. They are not only heads — i.e., managers, advisers and trainers of their staff; they also have responsibility for a class of up to 35 children, teaching them for three or four days each week.

Is there another profession where a manager is expected to do the job of a member of his or her staff as well as undertaking his or her full-time managerial responsibilities? Yours faithfully, JOAN HARRINGTON, Head Teacher, Wittersham Primary School, Wittersham, Kent, October 21.

## Comparative values

From Mr Brinsley Black Sir, Aware of the wrath that may descend upon me from our nation of passionate animal lovers (where else in the world do people send their children away to school, but keep their dogs at home?), might I ask what sense of proportion it is that motivates a civilised society to spend over £1 million on attempts to save two grey whales, when hundreds of thousands of children are dying of starvation each year? Yours faithfully, BRINSLEY BLACK, 17 Lansdowne Walk, W11, October 25.

## Young and innocent

From Mrs Pamela Ide Sir, Recently our grandson, nearly nine years old, came to stay with us. On his last evening he was allowed to watch a detective story on television which I believed to be innocuous. Half way through the hero climbed into bed with the girl.

Hesitating about whether or not to switch off, my dilemma was resolved when a hand was clapped over my eyes and a young voice said, urgently, "Don't look, Granny!" Yours faithfully, PAMELA IDE, Martins, Didding, Midhurst, West Sussex, October 18.

From Mr Guy Bailey Sir, I believe I know the answer to the question posed by the "Vicar of Mirik" (Mrs Purves's letter, October 20). At the Saturday evening Mass the priest during his sermon asked "Why are we here?" My 11-year-old nephew provided the reply: "We are here to save us, having to come tomorrow". Yours faithfully, GUY BAILEY, 1 Holland Villas Road, W14, October 20.







# What Tracy Did Next

Actress marries marquis, discovers rainforests and becomes friend of the earth. Fionnuala McHugh reads on

Next month the Marchioness of Worcester, better known as Tracy Ward, intends to bring a tropical rain forest to London. The Hippodrome in Leicester Square will be the scene of this conversion as the location of the Rainforest Ball on November 16.

It is hoped that 1,800 people, while witnessing the effect and being entertained by Stephen Fry, Jools Holland and Paul Young, will ponder the loss of 40 per cent of the world's tropical forests and contribute generously to the salva-

tion of the remainder: £100,000 is the target.

The invitation advises "Dress Tropical". "That means men in jeans and perky colourful shirts, I suppose, and the women will get a chance to show their legs off or to wear stupid, baggy, colourful trousers — anything that's jolly. It would be brilliant if they came as an indigenous person," declares the Marchioness.

It is easy to spot the Worcester's Knightsbridge abode. It is the house with the Friends of the Earth-stickered BMW parked outside. Inside, in the Marchioness's



Dancing for the Earth: the Marchioness of Worcester has "always adored and passionately loved animals"

upstairs study, there is a row of vases on the mantelpiece, each carefully stuffed with autumn flowers. More are soaking in the bathroom.

"I could not physically work harder," she says. "Yesterday I started at 8.30 in the morning and finished at half-eleven last night."

She is also six months pregnant. "I'm just unaware of the baby at the moment... I would hate to be born into this world if we don't do something about it. And to be the generation that actually caused it. My parents' generation, well, they just don't give a damn."

All of this is markedly different from her last public persona as a well-connected actress (she is the Earl of Dudley's niece) in the television detective series *C.A.T.S. Eyes*. Then the newspapers referred to her as "Toughie Tracy, the lethal lovely", and resurrected shock-horror stories about her expulsion from school for slapping a deputy headmistress, her nude photo in Norman Parkinson's book *Sisters Under The Skin*, and her cabaret act.

Her life so far — she is 29 — appears to have been a history of excited impulses, not all of which

have survived contact with reality. In her teens, she studied history of art. "I decided to bury myself in a museum or an auction house for the rest of my life and become the most brilliant expert on Egyptology or something," she says with a laugh.

Christie's, the auction house, was ill advised enough to try to mould her sartorially. "They said you've got to wear a kilt, a Shetland jersey, and some shoes with a band across the front. Well, I don't care about clothes. I wanted to be an expert, but I didn't want to be a part of their

blooming machine."

She went to America where "all the class stuff goes, you're just an individual, and you have to find yourself". What she found was that everyone was encouraging her to act. So, after studying drama for two years in Ealing, she went on the cabaret circuit to get an Equity card. "I danced and sang and made a complete fool of myself," she states. "At the end I stripped off to a camisole, fishnet stockings, and stilettos, and finished with splits. I kept it very quiet and not many friends came to see it."

Some theatre work followed, then *C.A.T.S. Eyes*, "and to my horror when *C.A.T.S. Eyes* ended I was never offered another job — and that's been about 18 months". Her involvement in environmental issues grew out of this barren period. "I had never really had the time or the knowledge and suddenly when I had no work I realized there was a problem."

In June 1987 she married the Marquess of Worcester, heir to the Duke of Beaufort's 52,000 acres, which certainly puts them on nodding acquaintance with the earth by anyone's standards. After the wedding she became Tropical Rainforest Campaign Assistant for Friends of the Earth.

The rainforest campaign appealed, she says, because of the threat to wildlife. "I've always adored and passionately loved animals. I wouldn't feel it's an encroachment if a mouse came out of that part of the wall," (pointing to some of London's most expensive wainscoting),

"because I'd think it was there first probably."

Mrs Thatcher's recent unveiling of the Conservative Party's new concern for environmental issues has been met with approval. "I was absolutely thrilled because it has made businesses less scared to get involved in the environmental scene."

The knock-on effect has yet, however, to be experienced in her capacity as chairman of the Rainforest Ball. "I can't say that businesses have been particularly generous," she complains, though she recognizes that her title at least has been an asset.

Proceeds from the ball will go towards the Friends of the Earth campaign to make the public more aware of what is happening globally. "We want to tell people not to buy tropical hardwoods which are not from a sustainable source."

Her friends tell her that she is obsessed. "I'm definitely obsessed, but then again," she admits, "I'm always obsessed by something." The enthusiasm is genuine. Once, when she was waving her hands emphatically, her engagement ring flew into the air.

Will it last? "I hope so. I dread the day when I wake up and don't give a damn. What I'd like to do when I've had my baby is maybe go and talk to schools. But I want to learn my stuff and do a lot of reading before then. It'll be like doing a play — very frightening."

● Tickets to the ball are available from Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 (tel 01-253 3553), for £25 each.

## Blown over

A woman is rebuilding Jamaica's tourist image in the wake of Hurricane Gilbert

One of the least enviable jobs of the year must have been that of director of Jamaican tourism the week Hurricane Gilbert cut a swathe across the island in September. Even as the glossy magazines were hyping it as a winter holiday destination, television news coverage was informing everyone in Britain that Jamaica was a disaster zone.



Back on track: Carole Brady

Six weeks on, however, Carole Brady, Jamaica's first female tourism director, is in London to boost the morale of tour operators. "Things are good," she says. "It's pretty much back to normal."

But bookings are running to 20 per cent occupancy. "September and October are the two slowest months in the year," Brady remarks, tipping her feet slightly. "What were they last year?" "I don't have comparative figures."

Her position is clearly difficult. It is estimated that Jamaica has already received \$500 million (£285 million) in foreign aid, so it is scarcely politic to convey the impression that Gilbert was a passing summer storm. But the island's tourist industry, directly employs 40,000 people, so a slump in bookings would be bad news for the economy. Hence the occasional Pollyannaish slant to Brady's overview. The resorts used this opportunity to refurbish themselves. "The trees had a giant pruning, too, and now you should see the beautiful leaves. Jamaica is blessed by nature."

This benison was not obvious on Monday, September 12, when Gilbert lashed the

island. The Office of Disaster Preparedness had already warned the islanders on Saturday of what was to come and farmers were advised to reap their crops. By early afternoon on Monday a cabin fell over Jamaica: "It was the eye of the hurricane. And then it grew darker and my God... it's indescribable."

Jamaica was lucky, she says. "Flooding was minimal. Despite what you might have heard, there was no outbreak of anything. The eastern end of the island was badly damaged but the north didn't get half the problems and the hotels are there." Her home in Kingston survived intact.

Brady, who has a degree in Hotel and Tourism Management from Toronto's Ryerson Polytechnic, won the 1983 Golden Helm International Award in Tourism, which her CV describes as the industry's Oscar. This comparison seems appropriate, because Brady is certainly putting on a good show. "The best thing to help all of us is to get tourism back to normal," she says. "Now we're open and ready for business, better than ever. Jamaica's back on track."

Maria McCaughey

## Women at work

Working mothers have been bombarded with so much advice in recent years — both wanted and unwanted — that it is refreshing to see a new publication aimed, instead, at their employers. The Working Mothers' Association claims that falling numbers of school leavers mean that "for the first time since the war years, employers are seeking new ways to retain women in the workforce through benefits that include childcare provision". The National Westminster Bank has made possible the publication of *The Employer's Guide to Childcare*, which will be launched next week by the Working Mothers' Association. There are ideas for developing childcare benefit schemes, lists of useful liaison organizations, and a prediction of future changes in work patterns which need to be prepared for now. The book costs £9, including p & p, from the WMA, a registered charity, at 248 Lavender Hill, London SW11 1LJ (tel 01-228 3757).

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"A quarter of the girls, maybe less, kept their babies and I envied what I saw as their simplicity of choice. I remember entering some silly competition. If I'd won the thousand pounds it would have given me a year's grace and I could have kept her. But our salary at Killarney Rep had been £8 10s a week."

Pauline Collins

## Culture club

Next Wednesday the V & A will be celebrating the launch of the V & A Club with its first evening opening for club members. All interested visitors are welcome to attend. There will be fanfares from students of the Royal Military School of Music, fireworks in the Piccadilly garden and a big band concert, featuring the Oxcentrics in Gallery 41. The Museum Shop will be open, and there will be the opportunity to enjoy a candle-lit meal in the museum wine bar or restaurant. The £10 annual membership will entitle mem-

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★ Seats available  
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THEATRE  
LONDON

★ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON**: Jim Barnes's other great play, with Rex Harrison as the little earl and Edward Fox as his perfect butler. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-530 9832). Tue-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm. Mon-Sat 8.10-10.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm. £4-15. (D)

★ **BLOOD BROTHERS**: Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system. Kiki Dee as their mother. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tue-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm. Mon-Sat 8.10-10.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm. £4-15. (D)

★ **THE CONDUCT OF LIFE**: Richard Lintorn and Joan Hall in Cuban-born writer's drama: a semi-autobiographical play about a young man's search for meaning. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-530 9832). Tue-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm. Mon-Sat 8.10-10.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm. £4-15. (D)

★ **DEALING WITH CLAIR**: Tom Courtenay in Martin Crimp's latest play dealing with the hazards of house-purchasing. Orange Tree Theatre, 45 New Road, Richmond, Mon-Sat 8.10pm, Sun 2.30pm. £4-15. (D)

★ **THE FATHER**: Alan Armstrong in John Osborne's version of Strindberg's alarming drama of marital treachery. National Theatre, Cottesloe, South Bank, SE1 (01-228 2252). Tue-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm. Mon-Sat 8.10-10.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm. £4-15. (D)

★ **THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES**: London's newest theatre (former rehearsal room) opens with Denis Quilley, Nicola McAuliffe and Helen Loder in New York black comedy. Lilian Bayliss Theatre, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave, EC1 (01-278 8916). Tue-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm. Mon-Sat 8.10-10.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm. £4-15. (D)

★ **HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES**: Light, early Ayckbourn comedy of social embarrassment. A Greenwich Theatre Production.

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 3

**CHIMEROMACH**  
(b) Somebody who fights with chimerae, the mythical fire-breathing monsters with the head of a lion, body of a goat, and tail of a serpent. "Your name as a chimeromach seems strange, judging by your surname."

**INDOCHORAMA**  
(c) Upside-down view of things, as seen by a roach (prawn) American for connoisseurs on the ceiling. "It's a good exercise to give that scene a return, seen in the upside-down roachman from the ceiling."

**SAPHROPHILOUS**  
(e) Thriving in decaying matter, from the Greek saphros (pure) + philos (love). "There are, however, certain exceptional substances that specially put to rest the conservation."

**BLANE**  
(a) The old word for to bleach or turn pale, from the Old English blān (to bleach) or pale (the normal southern form would have been blān of which there are a few examples: "Medea blazed with fury that led to no possible vent."

Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-536 5122). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, Sun 2.30pm. £5-15. (D)

**LONG RUNNERS**: ... ★ Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Queen's Theatre (01-724 1188). ... ★ Cats: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). ... ★ Follies: Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5359). ... ★ Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (01-336 8109). ... ★ The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). ... ★ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-439 2244). ... ★ Run for Your Wife: Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). ... ★ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (01-228 8655).

## OUT OF TOWN

**LEICESTER**: ★ Julius Caesar/Cleopatra: John Dexter's successful depiction of power plays. Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 530021). Today, Green, 7.30pm, £4-15. In repertoire with Julius Caesar. (D)

**SHEFFIELD**: ★ The Marriage of Figaro: William Gaskill's production of Beaumarchais without the Mozart. Crucible Theatre, Norfolk St (01742 769822). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 4.00pm, and 8.00pm. Mon-Fri and Sat mat. 2.5 and 5. Sat eve per £5.00-£7.50. (D)

## FILMS

★ Also on national screens

★ Advance booking possible

**AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS** (PG): Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of World War Two. Gaspard Manesse heads the young non-professional cast (107 min). Curzon Mayfair (01-492 3707). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.50.

**BAGDAD CAFE** (PG): German director Percy Adlon presents the warm, comic tale of a large middle-class tourist from Bavaria, stranded in the American West. With Marianne Sägebrecht, Jack Palance, C.C.H. Pounder (91 min). Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. £4-15. Metro (01-437 0737). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

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## Chichester's high flyer

Charlie Byrd (above), famous for his "jazz samba" collaborations with Stan Getz, is among the luminaries lined up for the Chichester Jazz International, which opens tonight at the Festival Theatre. Byrd, now 63, appears on Friday with the Great Guitars, a group featuring fellow-guitarists Barney Kessel and Herb Ellis. The concert, incidentally, marks the start of an extensive British tour by the trio. Holding centre-stage at Chichester tonight is The Blues Band, supported by the idiosyncratic saxophone quartet, Ticky Fingers. Since the release of its debut album, *Quart*, the quartet has

lost the services of Martin Speake, whose place has now been taken by Nigel Hitchcock, a promising teenager who has turned a few heads during recent club appearances in London. More traditional tastes are catered for tomorrow night by the double bill of Acker Bilk and Kenny Ball, while on Saturday the clarinetist Bob Wilber leads his big band through another set of Benny Goodman charts. The festival closes on Sunday with the Ink Spots — or at least the latest edition of the group to bear that legendary name. Details from the Festival Theatre, Oldlands Park, Chichester (0243 781312). *Cine Davis*

**Canon Fulham Rd** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 5.45, 8.25. **Plaza 1** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.00, 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30. **Plaza 2** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.00, 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30. **Gate Notting Hill** (01-727 4043). Progs 12.00 (not Sun), 2.05 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.30, 8.50. **Screen on the Green** (01-228 3620). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.40, 8.40. **Screen Centre** (01-638 8881). Progs Sat 11.00, 2.30.

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# Tranquillizer plan to save whales

By Our Foreign Staff

A Norwegian veterinary surgeon with expertise in tranquillizing whales is standing by to help free the two young California grey whales which are trapped off Alaska near Barrow by Arctic pack ice.

US officials and scientists have asked Dr Egil Ole Oen to examine whether he could make it possible to freight the mammals to the open sea by helicopter. He said: "I was requested to look into the problem last week and I would like to give it a try if this is the only option to save the whales - but I cannot guarantee the result."

This latest development came as the rescue team hoped that Soviet ice-breakers sent to the scene could smash through a huge ice ridge today, opening a path to the sea. The plan is for at least one of the vessels to try to crash through the ridge at its narrowest point, despite shallow water.

The ridge, formed by the collision of two ice packs, runs for several miles and is up to 450 yards wide at some points.

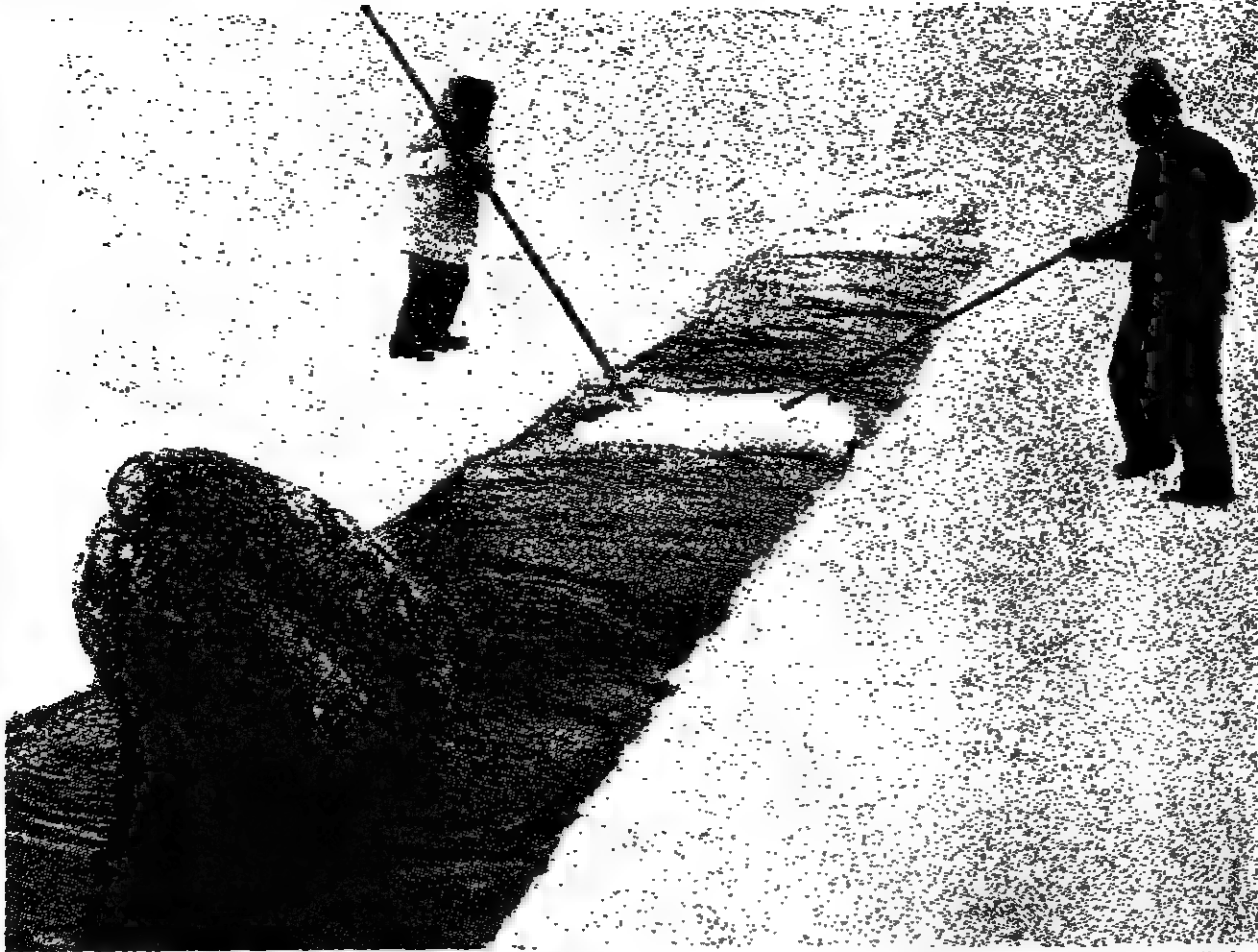
Charts show that it lies in water about 30 ft deep, too shallow for the larger of the Soviet ships, Admiral Makarov. But the smaller vessel, Vladimir Arsenyev, which draws about 22 ft, may be able to operate.

Dr Oen, a researcher and assistant professor at Norway's government-run Directorate for Nature Management, said: "As far as I know, no one else has carried out any similar research (on tranquillizing whales)." He is involved in a five-year programme of whale research in Norway, which includes tranquillizing minke whales to implant radio transmitters.

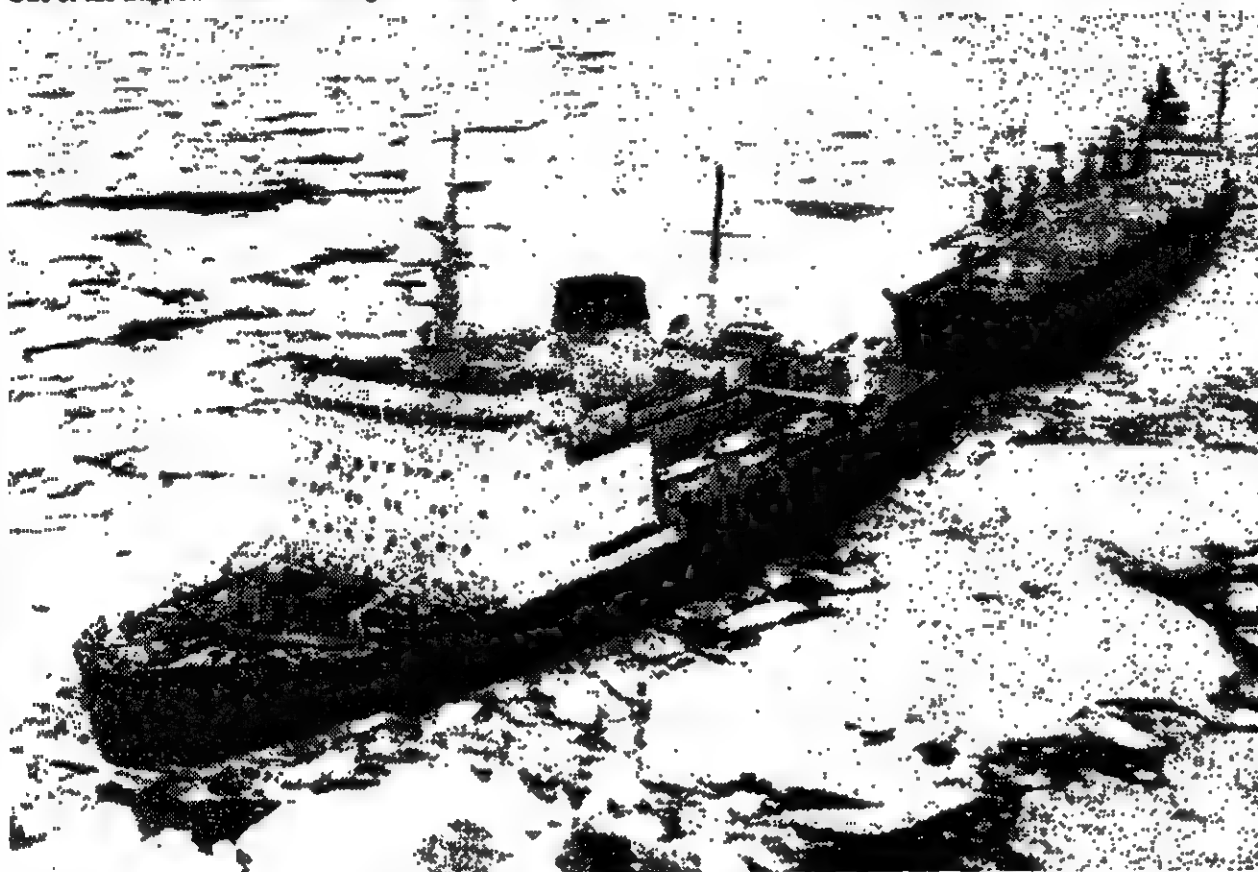
He said that helicopters were used to get close to the creatures and mark the ones that were to be tranquillized. The mammals were then shot with a tranquillizer dart. Floats would be attached to a whale to keep it on the surface.

He said: "Detailed advanced planning would be needed should one try to rescue the whales by air." Dr Oen added that special helicopter equipment and a strong net to carry the seven-tonne whales had not yet been made. He did not think that any whale had ever before been transported by helicopter. It would be a difficult operation, and "one has to be realistic".

Dr Oen has previously carried out research in Alaska at Barrow, close to where the whales are trapped.



One of the trapped whales surfacing near Barrow, Alaska, as rescuers work to keep a breathing hole open in the Arctic ice



The two Soviet ice-breaking vessels, Admiral Makarov and Vladimir Arsenyev, heading through the frozen sea to the area

## Nuclear power 'greener', Thatcher

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"The Government is honour-bound to those in work to see that people claiming benefit are properly available for work and properly trying to get a job."

The Prime Minister also acknowledged that the undermining of the family unit by women trying to jump council housing queues as single parents was a problem causing ministers considerable anxiety.

Admitting that it was a difficult issue to which the Government did not yet have an answer, Mrs Thatcher emphasized that the social security scheme for single parents had been designed to help in days when such parenthood was uncommon.

The Government had to look at the figures of single parents claiming benefit and try to help the genuinely unfortunate without magnifying the disruption of normal family life. But the problem was easier to identify than the solution.

The Prime Minister also defended the ending of the right to silence and the ban on direct access to radio and television by Sinn Fein and other terrorist apologists.

"In order to beat off your enemy in war, you have to suspend some civil liberties for a time," she said.

She confirmed that if Sinn Fein members and others sought to evade the ban with the increase in satellite television broadcasts, the Government would legislate to make it illegal, penalizing advertisers who dealt with the stations transmitting the interviews, just as the Government planned to deal with those who did not observe a code of conduct on pornography.

She justified the increase in interest rates designed to curb borrowing and increase savings, saying: "If anything else needs to be done, it will be done."

Mrs Thatcher said the policy was already starting to work.

She dismissed the differences between herself and the Chancellor of the Exchequer earlier in the year by saying: "The Chancellor and I are absolutely at one - and always have been at one - in that inflation, getting it down, is the top priority."

## Commons sketch

# A very smart trick with a square peg

Say what you like about child benefit, the most frozen thing around here on Tuesday was the Prime Minister's smile at Question time. Faced by Mr Kinnock's question, she refused to say what she planned for child benefit, prompting Dennis Skinner to wonder whether she was exercising her right to silence for the last time before she abolished it. But then, unlike most of her crew, the Captain knows the problem.

Tory philosophy on benefits rests upon two great principles. Both are sound, indeed noble. Both command the enthusiastic support of the people. Each is directly contradictory to the other. The first is that help should be targeted upon those who truly need it. The second is that 'dependency' should be removed by changing rules which encourage claimants to stay poor. Do not suppose that this is one of those little awkwardnesses which a judicious fudge can reconcile - as a square peg can be jammed into a round hole. Oh no. We're asking to fit a square peg into a square peg: a complete and inescapable logical absurdity.

Eliminating "indiscriminate" benefits (as the PM called them) means extra helpings to the poor; eliminating the "poverty-trap" (as Alan Beith called it) means no extra helpings to the poor. And here's the wondrous thing: they are both Conservative policy - a policy, thus, founded upon maintaining the gap between the rich and the poor, and upon diminishing it. It is pure genius.

But it can be embarrassing when ministers forget to keep inconsistencies in separate compartments. Kept apart, there's no problem. Cecil Parkinson, as Energy Secretary, is responsible for seeing that the CEBG sells as much electricity as it can, and has given a different man (his junior minister, Peter Morrison) the job of seeing that the country consumes as little electricity as possible: energy conservation. Mr John Moore, Social Services Secretary, gives you your old-age pension regardless of income from other sources, while Nigel Lawson takes away in tax because of your income from other sources, but they are different people so it doesn't matter.

But poor Mr Moore is supposed to "target" and "eliminate dependency" at the same time. So what to do with child benefit? Give it to everyone, and every conference season brings the inevitable Tory telling us how his wife spends hers at Peter Jones. Keep it for the needy - and you are accused of encouraging the poor to avoid work and continue breeding, while every year brings the tabloid story of the workshy Superdad with 43 children. There is no answer.

The only question worth tackling is whether Mr Kinnock is fair to call Mrs Thatcher a "cheat" for promising to maintain the benefit "as now", while she deftly extracts it from the lightly-chilled section of the fridge and heads for the deep-freeze. I regard my shilling, earned while Steward of the Children Hundreds, as a moving demonstration of Government's commitment to honour promises that this salary would be maintained "as now" - in 1751.

But I am more easily satisfied than Rupert Allason's constituents. He tugged at the PM's sleeve: how grateful the Barlow-Cloves victims were to hear rumours that she might be interested in their plight. I brought back a strange dream I had on Saturday. Shuffling through wastepaper baskets, I came upon a crumpled envelope covered in a scrawl recognizable as Mr Kinnock's, headed "Press Release if PM does compensate Clowes victims". I read on: "So now we know. When this wicked woman chooses to play Lady Bountiful, to whom does her largesse go? To the penniless pensioners of Prestatyn, who never had the opportunity to vote? Not to the Golden Girls like her: the ones who could afford the luxury of private investment, her flock, the capitalists who got it wrong. What has she to say to Mrs Jones of Cardiff whose tiny life-savings were stolen when her house was burgled, while crime spurs, etc. etc." I was about to read the other side of the envelope, drafted for the other eventuality and headed "Even the Widow's Mite" - but I awoke.

Matthew Parris

## Legal reforms welcomed

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he said. "I would not say they should not. But the Bar is already about the most competitive business that there is. He added that its opposition to allowing solicitors into the courts was based on what was best for the consumer."

The Law Society reacted cautiously to the possibility of the lifting of the present prohibition on banks and building societies doing conveyancing for their own customers.

A spokesman said that this had always been strongly op-

posed. But it may be that the policy would be reviewed provided appropriate safeguards could be devised for what was a largely unregulated market "with some sharp practices going on."

But he added: "Whatever happens, solicitors have an enormous share of the conveyancing market and would retain a very substantial share."

Mr Mark Boleat, director general of the Building Societies' Association, welcomed the prospect of offering house-buying packages.

"This marks a shift from the

previous view that solicitors grew horns if they worked for other people," he said.

Building societies would certainly want to look at offering a package of services combining conveyancing and a loan. "It is something we have urged for a long time."

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, said yesterday that *The Times* series on juries had exposed many defects which had been concerning him for a long time.

"Jurors should be appointed, not randomly selected," he said. *Spectator*, page 15

## Pledge on inflation

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benefits uprating statement tomorrow.

A number of Conservative MPs were seen nodding support as Mr Brown attacked the Government over the decision.

In another attempt to embarrass the Government Mr Robin Cook, Labour spokesman on health, is trying to set up an all-party alliance to defend the benefits and has written to 40 Tory MPs said to be committed to it asking for their support.

Mr Timothy Raison, Conservative MP for Aylesbury and leading campaigner for child benefit, intervening in the debate, said the Government should not freeze it. Mr Lawson told MPs that the current account deficit was not in itself a cause for alarm. He intrigued MPs when in replying to an intervention from a Labour MP he appeared to accept he might have made mistakes over inflation.

Mr Lawson conceded the economy was growing "rather too fast." The anti-inflation measures would inevitably involve some slowdown after two years in which growth had been faster than the already strong trend.

## Carey wins the Booker Prize



Peter Carey: love, hate satire and humour

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he started getting short stories published, later collected under the title *The Fat Man in Fitts*.

His first novel, *Bless*, is about an advertising man who dies for a few minutes and - before resurrection - sees Hell and realizes that it is the real world. *Illywhacker*, Australia, this century seen through the eyes and lies of a con-man aged 139, was shortlisted for the 1985 Booker Prize.

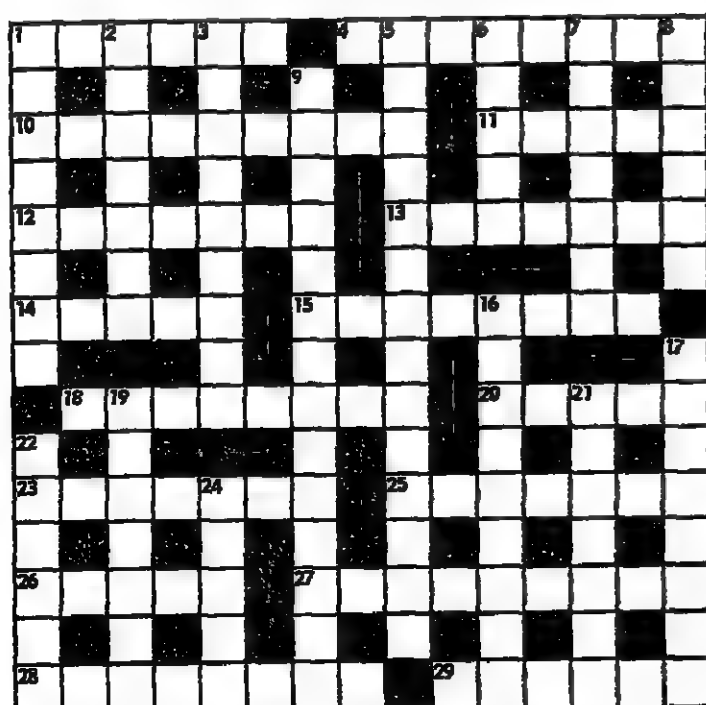
The judges this year were: Michael Foot, chairman;

Sebastian Faulks, literary editor of *The Independent*; Philip French, producer of Radio 3's *Critics' Forum* and film critic of *The Observer*; Blake Morrison, literary editor of *The Observer*; and Rosie Tremaine, the novelist.

Announcing the winner, Michael Foot said: "We hope that there will be no criticism of our decision. The thing to do, if there is, is for people to read the book themselves."

The prize is £15,000 in cash, and the probability of vastly increased sales in paperback before Christmas.

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,810



- ACROSS**
- Arrow or bolt made for it (6).
  - Old man's daily diversions (8).
  - It is played in silence after one's song (4,5).
  - One example of traffic islands (5).
  - Vessel, after dispute, put back in service (7).
  - Recorded using extremely compact disc, initially (7).
  - Show brilliance, say, or such natural ability (5).
  - Preserves agricultural collective in bit of China (8).
  - Noble Parisian I embraced, by gum! (8).
  - Ceremonial headgear one found in 25's royal seat (5).
  - Some rhymes are so prosaic (7).
  - Composer close to Britten in sound (7).
  - African prohibition workers (5).
  - Result of tight finish horse had, perhaps (3,4).
- DOWN**
- Hit - haphazardly (8).
  - Part of house available for a relation, say (6).
  - Sole supplier? Not he! (8).
  - Badly needing fresh rise in the old country (7).
  - Writer may put over point (9).
  - Contract, say, for Superman (5).
  - Watch no longer kept in navy (7).
  - Mixed drink for nominal hero in novel (6).
  - Fruit on river vessel diverts sailors (1,4).
  - Language special to the main sections of Bible (9).
  - Plainly caught in effortless way, and put inside (8).
  - Male folk song about a bit of Asia (7).
  - Such characters in a Rugby Union team? (7).
  - Finish off enemy of the good old city (6).
  - Bullet holes (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 14 of the 24 competitors in the 1988 national final of *The Times* Collins Dictionary Crossword Championship.

## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

- CHIMEROMACH**  
a. Twice the speed of sound  
b. A fighter with combers  
c. A wind and rain measure
- ROACHORAMA**  
a. Surgical operation on throat  
b. A small earth tremor  
c. An upside-down view
- SAPHROPHILOUS**  
a. Having gall-sickness  
b. Having bad breath  
c. Thriving in decay
- BLAKE**  
a. To turn pale  
b. A coarse Bretonian  
c. To wail

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,809

PENMANSHIP GOLF  
JALENUE  
POPULARISE BYTON  
E B I A S H E  
AMBIDEXTROUS  
O E P O R T  
CAISSOULET NOISE  
AQUAT GARTHESEL  
S T A A A D O  
INCONSTANTLY A  
O H T I N L S S  
NOES POUTAENTUM  
A O M E A D O  
LYNKE OSTENSIBLE

## WEATHER

Most places will continue cloudy and muggy with extensive hill and coastal fog, though much of central and southern England will be dry with bright spells. Scotland will start cloudy with rain but western areas will benefit from clearer weather. Most temperatures will be near or above normal for October. Outlook: Rain, then brighter.

## ABROAD

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Notes
Algeria	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Alexandria	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Athens	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Bombay	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Buenos Aires	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Calcutta	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Cairo	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Colon	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Hong Kong	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
London	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Madras	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Mumbai	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
New Delhi	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Paris	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Rangoon	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Shanghai	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Singapore	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Tokyo	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Yokohama	22-28	S	1-2	Clear

## AROUND BRITAIN

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Notes
London	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Manchester	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Birmingham	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Cardiff	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Edinburgh	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Glasgow	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Liverpool	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Nottingham	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Sheffield	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Southampton	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Wolverhampton	22-28	S	1-2	Clear
Wrexham	22-28	S	1-2	Clear

## HIGH TIDES

Area	Time	Height
London	22:05	7.4
Aberdeen	22:15	7.4
Belfast	22:25	7.4
Birmingham	22:35	7.4
Cardiff	22:45	7.4
Edinburgh	22:55	7.4
Glasgow	23:05	7.4
Liverpool	23:15	7.4
Manchester	23:25	7.4
Nottingham	23:35	7.4
Sheffield	23:45	7.4
Southampton	23:55	7.4
Wolverhampton	00:05	7.4
Wrexham	00:15	7.4

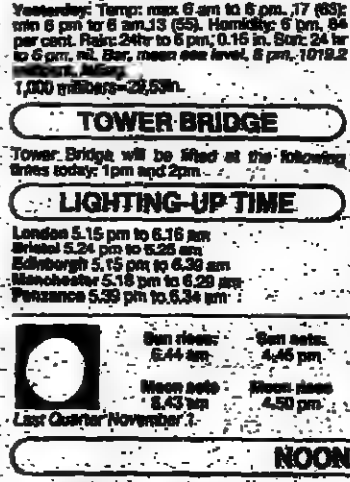
## THE POUND

Area	Rate
Australia	2.25
Canada	1.25
Denmark	1.25
France	6.55
Germany	3.36
Greece	16.5
Hong Kong	7.75
India	47.5
Italy	1.36
Japan	163.0
Netherlands	2.20
Norway	4.76
Spain	16.6
Sweden	8.46
Switzerland	2.00
USA	1.54
Yugoslavia	13.5

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## NOON TODAY





MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1500.9 (+1.5)	US dollar 1.7540 (+0.0020)
FT-SE 100 1847.8 (-0.6)	W German mark 3.1370 (+0.0079)
USM (Datastream) 161.74 (-0.34)	Trade-weighted 76.2 (+0.2)

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Executive Editor  
David Brewerton

## Renewed Clowes pressure

The Government will come under renewed pressure today over Barlow Clowes as both the Labour Opposition and Alexander Tannahill, solicitor acting for investors, release their own conclusions, drawn from Sir Godfrey Le Quesne's report on the affair.

These will differ from those of the Government, which claims the report showed the Department of Trade and Industry acted reasonably in its handling of Barlow Clowes. Mr Tony Blair, the Opposition spokesman on City affairs, is due to meet Lord Young of Graffham today to press the Government on an offer of financial compensation for investors, based on his claim that the report shows the DTI was negligent.

## Beazer £106m

Mr Brian Beazer, chairman of Beazer, the building materials to construction group, reported that Koppers, the US aggregates business, acquired for \$1.6 billion (£1.02 billion) earlier this year, is trading well ahead of expectations. "It will make a real and substantial addition to trading in the current year," he said. He was speaking after announcing Beazer's pre-tax profits of £106.1 million for the year to end-June, up from £72.3 million. A final dividend of 4.25p was declared, making a total of 6.35p (5.37p).

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## STOCK MARKETS

New York	2171.05 (+0.71)
London	1847.8 (-0.6)
Nikkei Average	27421.49 (+139.95)
Hong Kong	2584.33 (+22.07)
Amsterdam	282.4 (+1.2)
Sydney	1579.9 (-7.2)
Frankfurt	1807.9 (+2.4)
Brussels	5337.22 (+1.25)
Paris CAC	3983.5 (+1.0)
Zurich SMI	495.3 (+2.0)
FT-SE 100	1847.8 (-0.6)
FT-SE 250	1847.8 (-0.6)
FT-SE 100	1847.8 (-0.6)
FT-SE 100	1847.8 (-0.6)

## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Hammer	285p (+15p)
Anglo Securities	402.5p (+5p)
MAI	240.0p (+5p)
Hibernian	158p (+5p)
Ranger	325.5p (+5p)
Scottish Widening	185.5p (+2.5p)
Stanley	270p (+15p)
Unilever	475p (+11p)
Wagon Ind	343p (+12p)
Yale & Vitor	357p (+20p)
FR Group	214p (+11p)
Int Thomson	705p (+15p)
Morley Docks	307.5p (+5p)
London	354p (+10p)
Pressac	165.5p (+15p)
Barclays	417p (+10p)
Nat West	550p (+5p)
Parsons	175p (+10p)
Closing prices	2358p

## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	12%
3-month interbank	11 1/4%
5-month eligible bills	11 1/4%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	10%
Federal Funds	9 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills	7.45-7.43%
30-year bonds	10 1/2-10 1/4%

## CURRENCIES

London	New York
\$1.7540	\$1.7535
DM3.1370	DM3.1370
Swf2.8608	Swf2.8608
FF10.7204	FF10.7185
Yen128.22	Yen128.22
ECU 16.5593	SDR 16.7612

## GOLD

London Fixing	AM \$408.80 PM \$407.55
close	\$407.00-407.50 (\$282.00-282.50)
New York	Comex \$407.40-407.50

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brant (Dec)	on \$12.10/bbl (\$12.35)
Denmark latest trading price	

## THE STOCK WATCH

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Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included: On the referral of Minorco's bid to the MMC, ConsGold (02200) fell 10.4p. Also weaker were Lonrho (01182) down 10p, and Chartered Consolidated (03253) down 15p. There was interest in banks on the decision by Lloyds to start paying interest on current accounts. Lloyds (01955) shed 6p and Midland (02469) gave up 17p. Cals charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

## Trade Secretary acts after ConsGold referral

# Young to give guidance on merger policy

By Colin Nibbrough

Lord Young of Graffham, who has come under fire after recent merger decisions — including yesterday's referral of Minorco's £2.9 billion bid for Consolidated Gold Fields — has promised fresh clarification tomorrow of government takeover policy.

The Trade Secretary's promise came after he heard the City and industry voice their concerns about British companies' vulnerability to hostile takeovers in the run-up to 1992.

Chairing a session of the National Economic Development Council — the round table forum comprising representatives of the Government, industry and the trade unions — on the theme of the single European market, he undertook to make a "definitive statement" on policy in a speech tomorrow.

Acknowledging widespread concern that Britain was becoming the favoured port of entry for non-European companies seeking to gain a foothold in Europe before 1992, the NEDC meeting

ordered a special report on the practical implications of present merger policy. The National Economic Development Office will have six months in which to draw up the report, which will focus on contested bids.

A Nedo paper discussed yesterday underlined that the shakeout British industry had undergone in recent years was no guarantee against fresh restructuring ahead of 1992.

"Here, then, is a problem for the UK, because among publicly quoted companies it is easier for overseas businesses to acquire UK companies than the reverse," the paper said.

It noted that, as a percentage of gross domestic product, the value of UK companies with quoted shares is more than twice that of the other EEC countries. Britain was therefore likely to be an attractive port of entry for overseas companies such as Japan, the United States and members of the European Free Trade Agreement.

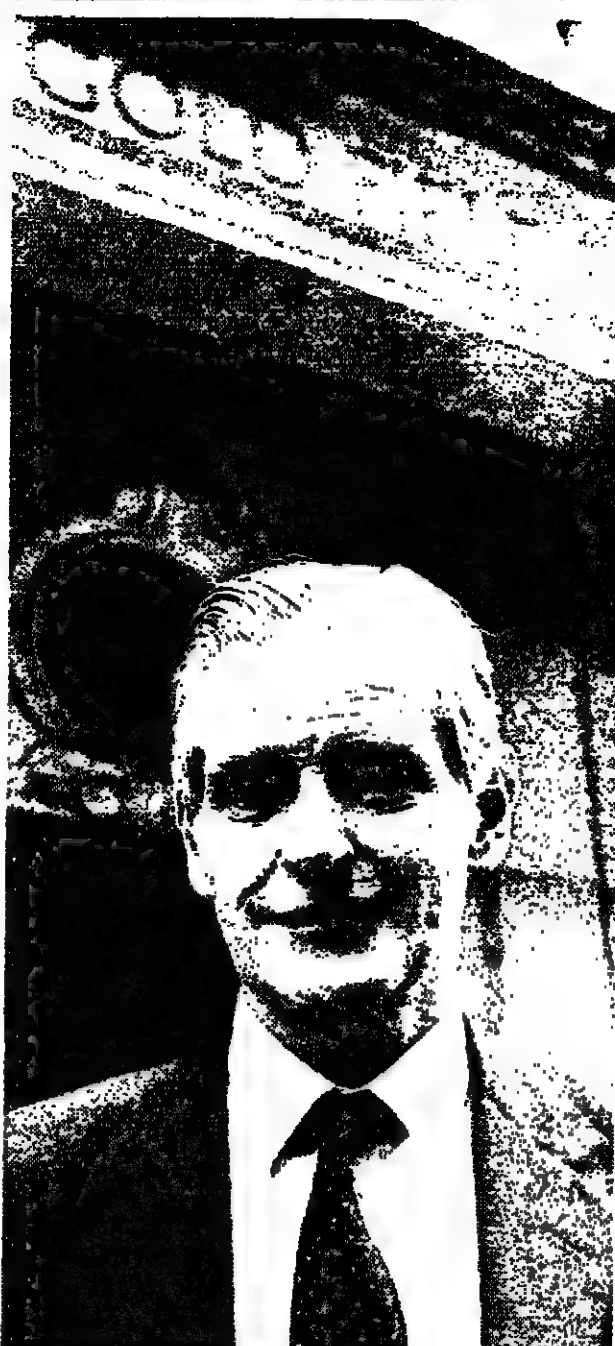
and weaknesses of British sectors, the Nedo paper said that UK prices for financial services are not only the lowest of the main EEC countries, but are 30 per cent below the average.

"This must have favourable implications for their potential competitiveness both in the UK and abroad, particularly where these relative price advantages are combined with productivity strength," it said.

Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, gave British companies a warning against deluding themselves about the implications of the single market, and spoke in favour of a European competition policy.

The financial services industry was singled out for criticism by Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, who said the City, despite its present cost advantages, could not afford to be complacent about rival centres such as Paris and Frankfurt.

The changes the single market would bring would be evolutionary rather than revolutionary, he said.



Scout of victory: Randolph Agnew, the chairman of ConsGold, after the referral news yesterday (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

## Agnew delight at Minorco bid decision

By Colin Campbell

Consolidated Gold Fields won a stay of execution yesterday when the Government, at the 14th hour, said it was referring the controversial bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Minorco's bid was automatically lapsed.

The Commission must report its findings to the DTI within three months. Mr Randolph Agnew, ConsGold chairman, said he was "delighted" with Lord Young's decision, though he was not going to "crow or trumpet." He said the bid had been an "extremely painful and costly experience."

ConsGold's shares quickly tumbled from £12.45 to £11.39.

In August, ConsGold shares stood at £15. The Minorco bid, which had various

permutations, valued ConsGold at around £12.75 a share. The takeover bid has been wracked by controversy since it was launched on September 21, after weeks of intense stock market speculation in London and Johannesburg and heavy dealing activity in ConsGold shares and options.

The announcement by Lord Young that he considers there are possible effects on competition which deserve investigation, was the scout of victory for which ConsGold had fought so hard.

In a day of high tension, ConsGold was told by the Takeover Panel at 7am that the Panel saw no reason why the bid clock should be stopped, despite the earlier appointment of DTI inspectors to investigate possible insider trading, and

ConsGold's last minute appeal on Monday to the full committee.

ConsGold had argued that because DTI inspectors had been appointed by the Government last week, it was not fair to allow the bid to proceed. Under Minorco's bid timetable, the first closing date was yesterday at 3pm.

The Takeover Panel said: "This is a deeply concerning case. It is obviously undesirable for the reputation of financial markets that bids for large public companies should be conducted against the background of an inquiry into possible insider dealing."

"It is obviously unfortunate that the true factual position cannot be established speedily."

But in dismissing ConsGold's appeal the Panel concluded: "We do not think it is

either fair to Minorco or, more cogently, fair to all shareholders in ConsGold, that the bid should be caused to lapse."

Even before the subsequent referral to the Monopolies Commission, ConsGold had heard from America overnight that the US Federal Court in New York had issued a preliminary injunction to prevent Minorco from proceeding with the hostile bid.

Judge Michael Mukasey said ConsGold and Newmont "and the public at large face imminent harm from the takeover's effect in decreasing competition in the world gold market." He said he was taking immediate action because "once a takeover has occurred... it is difficult, if not impossible, for courts to unscramble the eggs."

Mr Agnew said yesterday: "I have no reason to want to

## Elliott pledges Scots HQ for Foster's lager

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

The entire Foster's lager brewing operation will have its headquarters in Edinburgh if Elders IXL wins control of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries with its contested £1.6 billion bid.

In its formal offer document, sent to S&N shareholders last night, Mr John Elliott, chairman of Elders IXL, pledges to establish the central management of "the whole Elders Brewing Group" in Scotland when it is floated off within the next two years.

He also promises that there will be "no reduction in jobs in Scotland as a result of the merger."

However, Mr Andrew Cummins, an Elders director, was not prepared to give a similar commitment about S&N's operations south of the border.

Neither was he prepared to be drawn on whether a successful takeover could lead to more jobs in Scotland.

But the Melbourne, Canadian and London head office functions would all be based in Edinburgh.

As expected the offer document is highly critical of S&N which "suffers from fundamental, structural weaknesses," and claims that this

will be solved by a merger with Courage, Elders' British brewing arm, a move, says Mr Elliott, which was first proposed by S&N. This is a reference to S&N's rival £1.2 billion bid for Courage two years ago, when Hanson put the business up for sale, a bid topped by Elders' £1.3 billion offer.

Mr Elliott also describes S&N as "strategically at a loss — it has not been able to become a truly national brewer, let alone look internationally." Elders is keen to have its offer perceived on a worldwide scale.

And he is critical of the "half-hearted" diversification strategy, including the recent £55 million acquisition of Pontins.

Mr Alick Rankin, chief executive of S&N, claimed last night that the document "entirely fails to justify any sound commercial logic for the offer, or the desirability of being put to S&N shareholders." It also ignores S&N's significant competitive strengths and excellent prospects.

Mr Rankin commented: "There is nothing new and very little of substance in this document."

## CBI survey shows inflation will rise

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Clear signs of higher inflation emerge from the Confederation of British Industry's latest Quarterly Industrial Trends Survey. More companies expect to raise their prices during the next four months and capacity shortages are becoming more serious.

But higher interest rates are expected gradually to slow down spending in the high street, and the outlook for exports is bright. Investment is booming.

Introducing the survey results — the first since the rise in interest rates — Mr David Wiglesworth, chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, said higher interest rates had to be given a chance to work. However, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, should not forget the cost they imposed on industry, especially smaller companies.

In its economic assessment, the CBI indicates that Mr Lawson should be prepared to tighten fiscal policy in the next

Budget to lighten the load being placed on interest rates.

The balance of firms expecting to raise their prices during the next four months has risen from just under a quarter in July to nearly a third. Unit costs are also expected to increase, with a quarter expecting a rise against a fifth three months earlier.

The proportion of companies operating at below capacity has remained constant at 31 per cent. But the number reporting shortages of skilled labour as a constraint on output has risen from 22 per cent to 28 per cent.

Manufacturers' investment intentions have continued to strengthen with 21 per cent expecting to spend more during the next 12 months. Greater efficiency rather than higher output is the predominant motivation, putting capacity constraints into perspective.

The volume of new orders is unchanged but export orders have risen from a positive balance of 12 per cent to 17 per cent, suggesting some fall in domestic demand.

## DIY chain sold for £35m to Ladbroke

By Martin Waller

Ladbroke Group, the owner of the Texas Homecare business, is to pay £35 million maximum for the chain of 15 Sandford's DIY stores being sold by Sharpe & Fisher, the builders' merchant.

The price is substantially less than Sharpe & Fisher had been expected to receive. Analysts had been forecasting £40 million to £50 million, and interest in the chain was expressed by Mr Philip Birch of Ward White, the owner of Payless.

The vendor had promised that most of the proceeds of the sale, of the eighth largest DIY chain, would go straight to its shareholders. Ladbroke is offering a maximum of 2



Potential buyer: Philip Birch million of its own shares, priced at 475p, or unlisted loan notes as alternatives to cash.

The disposal needs the approval of Sharpe & Fisher's shareholders and should be completed in January.

## Bell plan dampens bank speculation

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Australian Bell Group tried to place its 14.9 per cent stake in Standard Chartered, the international bank, with a range of British institutional investors last Friday when it was stopped by Standard itself.

The placing, which was being carried out by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, was halted because Standard was worried about its effect on the take-up of its rights issue which closes on November 4. Bell Group is now controlled by Mr Alan Bond, following his takeover of the company from Mr Robert Holmes & Court.

The attempt to place the shares will dampen takeover speculation surrounding Standard.

There had been rumours that Westpac, the expanding Australian bank, wanted to buy the entire stake, possibly as a first step to launching a full bid. This appears not to have been the case.

It is also believed that the Bank of England is keen to see the stake go to British institutions because it regards the British element in Standard's share register as too small. Anglo-American-De Beers group, with which Minorco is related, has never lost a bid or a deal.

Mr Agnew admitted that the relations between ConsGold and Minorco were "extremely strained" but he hoped that an amicable solution could be found.

## Suppliers would suffer from domino effect says research

# Rover closures 'threaten 11,000 jobs'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Rover Group's corporate plan for car manufacturing, which envisages factory closures at Cowley, in Oxfordshire, and Llanelli in Dyfed, threatens at least 11,300 jobs if the effects on suppliers is taken into account.

The estimate comes in a new survey which puts the cost to the national exchequer at £66 million, allowing for such factors as lost taxes and unemployment payments.

Research shows a "sharp" impact on Oxford and Llanelli and a threat to the security of up to 3,000 jobs in Swindon and many more among West Midlands components manufacturers supplying Rover. The possible job losses are put at 6,550 directly within the Rover group, another 1,000 in component supply and 3,775 in knock-on losses, bringing the total to 11,325.

The research has been carried out by The Research Partnership, a Stoke-on-Trent consultancy, with the Institute of Local Government Studies, at the

University of Birmingham. It was for the Motor Industry Local Authorities Network (MILAN), 20 local authorities whose areas have strong automotive interests.

MILAN is launching a campaign to secure more European Commission help for all areas within the automotive industry affected by the speed-up in restructuring in the run-up to the single market of 1992.

It will today present the research and plans for developing local economies hit by such restructuring to a group of British Members of the European Parliament at the House of Commons.

The warning of the domino effect on jobs came only a day after Rover announced plans to hire 850 new workers, mainly at its Longbridge plant, to meet increased demand for most models.

Imminent shakeout of surplus capacity in the European motor industry will affect many jobs and communities, not least in Britain where 600,000 people are

employed by the motor manufacturing and components industries. More than four jobs rely on every one job in car production, according to the survey.

The research pointed to these effects: ● Llanelli. At the Rover pressings plant, 900 jobs are expected but the ripple effect would push the total to 1,575. The local unemployment rate could rise towards 18 per cent.

● Oxford. Ending of vehicle assembly at the Cowley South works would bring 6,750 losses, probably including about 2,000 actual redundancies at Cowley. Oxford unemployment could rise to more than 10 per cent.

● Thamesdown. A substantial reduction at the Swindon pressings plant. It could affect 1,700 jobs at the plant and another 1,300 locally.

● West Midlands. "Major consequences" because up to 86,000 jobs are dependent on Rover. For every 10,000 fewer cars made by Rover, 600 West Midlands jobs could be threatened.

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1987	280
1988	180

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Short-termist fund managers are bound to be disillusioned. So are the FR directors. Privatization has already been mentioned across the boardroom table. How much further must the shares fall before the idea is taken seriously?

force, is also spending heavily in other areas; it has won exciting contracts to supply containers for anti-tank missiles and to refurbish the RAF's Canberra fleet. But, while its customers' programmes are long-term, it cannot get them to commit to long-term contracts like it and

Mr. Peter Lucas, Bond Corporation International's managing director, said the company had acquired some first-class assets in the Crown Colony, but that the market had not appreciated this. Its assets include half of the Bond Centre building, close to the colony's bustling business district, a near-30 per cent share

in a television company, HK-TV, and a 36.4 per cent stake in the company which runs Chile's telephone service.

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Plessey now ranks ninth in the world league for sales of application-specific integrated circuits (Asics). This is the fastest-growing segment of the

## Security division helps lift Cooper

years, since Mr Kirk took over as chairman, the group made more than 20 acquisitions, the latest being Lortin Electronics, a producer of printers and

"We will be making two or three acquisition per year from now on for at least £25

He added that, with the group's self-imposed gearing ceiling of 40 per cent, the

company could spend £10 million on acquisitions immediately.

Earnings per share rose to 15.6p, from 12.1p. A final dividend of 2.15p has been

dividend of 2.15p has been recommended, making a total of 3.25p, an increase of 0.9p.

## Goldstar opening £8m factory in UK

Electronics, which has a British king colour television sets and ovens at Billingham. - (M)

Now, Samsung's plant has been wholly owned South Korean

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with a plant at Worms, West  
which produces colour tele-

Electronics UK is being set  
British arm for the South Korean

... which claims to be the world's  
best electronics manufacturer.  
... is part of Lucky Goldstar.  
... world turnover in 1986 was

to be about £1.1 billion, 70 per cent in the electronics sector.

on share dealers. Mr Lynton Jones, the European director of the NASD, compared the deal to a situation in which Scotland Yard had been given

The Securities Association will be able to tap into the NASD computer in the US through a direct telephone

link. This will be particularly useful when the association considers applications from American dealers wishing to set up business in London.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

**FORWARD GROUP (Int)**  
Pre-tax: £0.72 (£0.59)m  
EPS: 6.3 (5.2)p  
Div: 1.0 (0.8)p

**WA HOLDINGS (Int)**  
Pre-tax: £1.06 (£0.67)m  
EPS: 1.85 (1.53)p  
Div: 0.56 (0.4)p

**A COHEN (Int)**  
Pre-tax: £1.92 (£1.32)m  
EPS: 60.64 (36.32)p  
Div: 6 (4.1)p

**VALUE & INC TST (Int)**  
Pre-tax: £0.52 (£1.22)m  
EPS: 0.57 (1.7)p  
NAV: 61.5 (60.5)p

Turnover £4.50 (£2.77)m.  
Company continues to expand its services in respect of flexible and flex-rigid boards.

Turnover £12.82 (£10.29)m.  
Industrial demand continues to be strong and RAP and KOT began second half of the year well.

Turnover £27.54 (£25.93)m. Full year prospects good subject to usual caution required in forecasting metal/currency markets.

An interim dividend of 0.725p has been declared on the ordinary shares representing an increase of 16 per cent.

## RECENT ISSUES

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Buller Co (100)	100	Tanaka	115
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Crutcher GPs (540)	168	Thomson (125)	126
Colormed	128	Zurich Group	55 -1
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Edinburgh Wines	56		
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Hi-Tech Sports	145	Card Gp NP	30 +5
Luxor Group (150)	170	Carroll Comm NP	84 -4
Maha-Group	125	Fish Level NP	22 -3
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Nac Telecom	149	Sims NP	6 -1
Pine	64	Suckalee Spwn NP	6 -1
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# Takeovers enter a new era with \$20bn bid for Nabisco

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The stunning \$20.5 billion (£11.69 billion) bid by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts for RJR Nabisco has changed the rules of the takeover game, making the masters of the leveraged buyout kings of the sport.

No company, no matter how large or well protected, can be regarded as immune. Nabisco, the nineteenth largest US company, is caught up in a dual involving a bold breed of investment bankers who have raised the stakes to unprecedented levels.

Wall Street is awaiting the next move in the match between KKR, the small but powerful firm which has negotiated some of the biggest US deals, and Shearson Lehman Hutton, a heavyweight in the investment industry. Both have huge war chests.

Shearson, which joined forces with Nabisco's top management, was the first to start the investment community, with its \$17 billion leveraged buyout proposal last

Thursday. Now that KKR has entered the fray, and topped the offer, Shearson and the management group led by Mr Ross Johnson, Nabisco's highly regarded chief executive, have two choices. They can either join forces or counter, with an even higher offer. Most analysts on Wall Street are betting on the latter.

Whatever the outcome, Nabisco will be irrevocably altered. Either winner, to reduce the debt incurred, will be obliged to sell off food businesses and possibly skim off cash from its highly profitable tobacco operations.

No-one doubts the ability of either player to complete the deal. KKR has raised a \$5.6 billion takeover fund. This translates into an estimated \$50 billion in buying power.

Shearson also has impressive resources. The big investors in its proposed buyout are American Express, which owns 60 per cent of Shearson, and Nippon Life Insurance,

which has a 13 per cent stake in the investment firm.

The ultimate goals of the main players, however, are unknown. This is particularly true of KKR, a company which has pioneered the leveraged buyout field but which has never engaged in a hostile takeover.

There was speculation that the firm, has changed its goals after the resignation in 1987 of Mr Jerome Kohlberg Jr, its older statesman, who remains an investor.

He was one of the three from Bear Stearns who started KKR in 1976. The other two are Mr Henry R Kravis, aged 44, and his cousin, Mr George R Roberts. Since Mr Kohlberg's departure, KKR has become more aggressive.

There was strong speculation yesterday that KKR's bold move was really a battle over turf. For more than a time, the investment firm had been after Nabisco to agree to a buyout. But Mr Johnson

said he was not interested.

It is thought he believed that KKR was willing to sell off too many of Nabisco's core operations. Later, Mr Johnson turned to Mr James Robinson, the chief executive of American Express and a close friend, for help. The result was the Shearson Lehman plan.

After that, according to Wall Street speculation, Mr Kravis approached Shearson and said he wanted a part of the deal.

He initiated discussions with Mr Peter Cohen, the chairman of Shearson, who was said to have requested him to stay out of the deal. The two men continued to talk last Friday, and agreed to talk again this week.

But after a seven hour meeting on Sunday, Mr Kravis decided to go public with an even bigger offer. Mr Cohen, confirming the discussions, said: "We were surprised when he called us. I thought we had an agreement."

## St Ives beats City estimate with £23m

By Martin Waller

St Ives Group, the printing company chaired by Mr Bob Gavron, raised pre-tax profits to a forecast-beating £23.04 million in the year to the end of July, a period which included its biggest acquisition so far, the security printer Burrows.

The acquisition was merger-accounted, and a comparable figure of £17.45 million included about £3.8 million from Burrows. Its contribution in the latest financial year was unclear because of extensive integration, but it showed a "substantial improvement" compared with last time, said Mr Gavron.

The market had been looking for only £22 million from St Ives. Forecasts for the current year range from £27 million upwards.

St Ives is raising its total dividend for the year to 3p, from a restated 1.92p, with a final payment of 2.25p.

Both the magazine and book publishing divisions had to turn away work because of lack of capacity, despite £28 million invested during the year and a similar amount budgeted for 1988-89.

St Ives believes it is the market leader in book publishing and that it runs neck-and-neck with Mr Robert Maxwell's Maxwell Communication Corporation on the magazine side. Orders won recently include the colour sections for *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Observer* and the prestigious *The World of Interiors* from Conde Nast, while Burrows gained the contract for the British Steel flotation.

Despite the heavy investment programme, the group ended the financial year with £17 million cash in the bank and no borrowings.

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## Stock market crash still haunts NMW

The market crash and depressed trading volumes in shares continue to haunt NMW Computers, which provides services to stockbrokers.

Yesterday it unveiled a half-year loss of £428,000 against record half-year profits of £1.9 million for the same period last year. It is passing its dividend.

NMW's shares fell 10p on the results from 75p to 65p before recovering slightly. Some 40 per cent of its losses have been incurred by Broker Services.

## City strains to hear Lord Young's logic

COMMENT David Brewerton

Ears far beyond the comfortable confines of the QEII Conference Centre will be straining tomorrow to follow the train of thought which led Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to refer the Minorco bid for Consolidated Gold Fields to the Monopolies Commission.

Lord Young will explain to the Stock Exchange conference how all his recent decisions, both to refer and to not refer, have been arrived at, and how they are all consistent with one merger policy. The speech will be both timely and necessary, and plans are already in hand to distribute it widely to industry leaders so that they can have some waymarks to follow when considering their own acquisition programmes.

The decision to refer the Minorco bid for ConsGold, like so many of the earlier decisions, took everybody by surprise. Minorco's early morning war cabinet thought the hapless public relations man who conveyed the decision was making a joke in bad taste when he announced the referral. And even ConsGold could do little other than run up the Union Jack when it heard the grounds on which the bid was referred — "the possible effects on competition in the markets for certain high value minerals and metals, and especially titanium and zircon."

ConsGold had campaigned on the grounds that a takeover by Minorco would bring about the destruction of the

group, it had pointed out the international disquiet in three continents about the South African connection and the possible damage that would be done to its businesses as a result of Johannesburg control and it drew attention to the mighty position of the Anglo American empire in gold. But Britain's biggest bid is halted on the relatively small issues of titanium and zircon, mentioned though not made a meal of by either side.

Lord Young will argue that the consistency of his merger policy is that it takes account of the boundaries of the markets concerned: if it is buses (as in the case of Badgerline), then the market is the area served by the buses; if it is steel, then Europe is the homogeneous market and the share of the British market is irrelevant; if it is chocolate, we have to believe that the UK is the market because they like a different kind of chocolate on the Continent.

So what if it is beer? Some beers are indigenous to an area, such as Boddies in the North-west and Newcastle Brown in the North-east, others are universally accepted or rejected, such as Foster's. If the Scottish market share held by Foster's universal nectar is added to the market share held by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, then Sir Gordon Borrie of the Office of Fair Trading will find himself convinced that Lord Young should refer the Eldersbid.

But somehow, the expected never seems to happen.

## CBI's words of warning

Like so much other economic news recently, the message from the latest Quarterly Trends survey by the Confederation of British Industry is worrying in the short term, but encouraging further ahead.

Afflicted as ever by the "short-termism" to which the Chancellor so much objects, the City's initial reaction was one of alarm at the signs of rising inflation. More firms expect to put their prices up in the next four months than expected to do so in the past four, and unit costs are also expected to accelerate. This is partly a reflection of rising commodity prices, but the effects may spill over from the manufacturing sector — to which the survey is confined — into the rest of the economy.

Capacity constraints, too, are increasing. The proportion of firms reporting capacity as a limit on output has increased, with shortages of skilled labour particularly mentioned. But capacity is still far from being the main constraint: that is still simply the level of orders. The situation is not at all the same as in the boom year of 1973, which led to the inflationary excesses of the mid-1970s. The proportion of firms operating near capacity remains steady. In the longer term the high level of investment intentions is good news.

The other encouraging feature is more tenuous. Given that the volume of new orders is holding up at much the same level as in all but one of the last five quarters, and that within that export orders are accelerating, it may be that as demand cools manufacturers are switching from home deliveries to markets abroad. If this is so, higher interest rates may be doing what is expected of them, and the current balance of payments may begin to improve before most people, including the Chancellor, expect.

The CBI, as ever, tends to speak with forked tongue about interest rates, recognizing that control of inflation requires that rates stay high for some time, but obliged to protest on behalf of its smaller members at the high cost of borrowing. In fact, high short-term interest rates have done remarkably little to hinder investment so far, mainly because the lack of Government funding has kept long-term interest rates fairly steady. There are signs that the long-awaited re-opening of the corporate bond market is really about to happen this time. Nonetheless, the CBI has a point when it delicately draws attention to the possibility of tightening fiscal policy further in the Budget to take some of the strain off monetary policy.

## Gulliver to sell 95% store stake

By Our City Staff

Lowndes Queensway, the retail group headed by Mr James Gulliver, is planning to sell its 95 per cent interest in Poundstretcher, a national chain of variety discount stores, to a buyout team headed by Mr Stephen Fearnley for £60 million to £70 million.

The management intends to raise the money through deferred shares.

Poundstretcher made pre-tax profits of £7 million on a turnover of £90 million in the year to January 31.

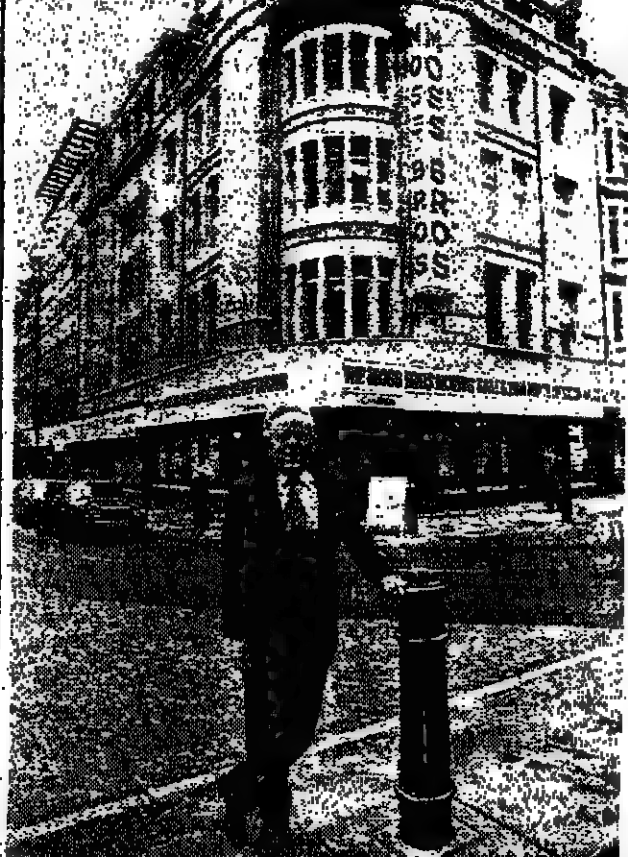
Lowndes is also inviting alternative offers to be made to Charterhouse Bank for its 95 per cent interest.

The move by Mr Gulliver came as a result of his previously stated intention to raise £100 million after the recent £450 million takeover by Lowndes Ventures, his investment vehicle, of Harris Queensway, the retail chain.

In the process, Mr Gulliver also sold Hamleys, the London toy shop, for £40 million.

## Moss Bros advises caution

By Wolfgang Münch



Warning note: Wilfred Cass, chairman of Moss Bros

Moss Bros, the menswear shop, has issued a warning about its full-year results. Higher interest rates and their effect on consumer spending, plus the sale of the Covent Garden shop, would make final-year results difficult to forecast, it said.

For the six months to July 30, the company achieved profits before tax and exceptional items of £685,000, up from £475,000. Turnover was up to £15.03 million from £11.91 million. There was an exceptional credit of £559,000 — the profit on the property sale.

Earnings per share, excluding exceptional items, were up at 3.46p from 2.43p. The interim dividend was raised to 1p from 0.58p.

The company said the benefits of the recent restructuring, which included the £12 million takeover of Cecil Gee in May and the £23 million sale of its Covent Garden building, will begin to come through early next year. The interim results include Cecil Gee from July 4.

The planned Moss Bros and Hackett joint venture store has had to postpone its opening date until November 21.

## Regina in £1.9m call for growth

By Our City Staff

Regina Health & Beauty Products, the Royal Jelly distributor, headed by Mrs Irene Stein, announced a one-for-three rights issue at 36p per share to raise about £1.9 million to finance company growth.

Regina also announced an increase in pre-tax profits for the year to June 30: to £718,000 from £402,000, on turnover more than doubled at £3.4 million.

The company's customers include the Princess of Wales. Earnings per share rose to 2.77p from 1.69p. A final dividend of 0.50p for the year was recommended, up on last year's 0.284p.

## Acsis pays £17m for five companies

By Our City Staff

Acsis Group, the former jewellery retailer, now a marketing and promotional services company under Mr Darryl Phillips, the South African entrepreneur, has announced its biggest expansion since he came on board last year.

It is buying five separate companies for a total of £17.43 million, with further consideration payable in future limited to £10.88 million maximum in respect of three of them.

The deals are funded by the issue to the vendors of 29.29 million new shares, or 43 per cent of the enlarged group. Some 24.82 million of the new

shares, with a further 3.55 million to raise another £2.08 million, will be offered back to existing shareholders at 58.5p. Acsis shares were unchanged at 65p on the USM.

Acsis is paying £7.5 million for IMC Europe, a sales promotion company, and £3.78 million for Richmond Designs, an interior designer.

The other purchases are three recruitment agencies — SAP Group for £3.65 million, Kerr Staff (£1.3 million) and Times (£700,000).

Estimates of Acsis's pre-tax profits for the year to end-December, merger-accounted, are now £3.5 million (£1.35 million).

## Boosey hits a higher profit note

By Lawrence Lever

Boosey & Hawkes, the musical instrument manufacturer and music publisher, has continued its recovery. Yesterday it posted pre-tax profits of £698,000 for the six months to June 30 compared with £186,000 last year.

Second-half profits are usually stronger than those in the first half, but Boosey gave a warning that high interest rates could have an effect this year. The profits were struck after net interest charges of £748,000.

The company said that it believed it would continue to make progress.

The dividend is 3p.

## Publish and be blamed

There were some anxious-looking faces in the waiting room at the Department of Trade and Industry last Thursday afternoon, before the report of the department's handling of the Barlow Clowes affair was published. Although Sir Godfrey Le Queux's tone was not due to be released to the public until 3.30pm, several interested parties were allowed an advance look behind locked doors. I am told they included representatives of Spicer & Pegler and Touche Ross, former auditors to Barlow Clowes and its parent, James Frigerson. Both firms were criticized for their role in the affair, but I understand their staff looked relieved when they were eventually let out into the fresh air by DTI officials. However, judging by the Government's inclination to point the finger at the professional advisers involved in the collapse — rather than at the DTI — their relief might be short-lived. Others allowed a sneak preview included several members of Fimbra, the intermediaries watchdog.

## Press gang

The *Spectator* magazine, taken over last May by Conrad Black's *Daily Telegraph* group when Fairfax, the previous owner, was forced to sell some of its titles after the Great Crash, has appointed five new board members. They are André Deutsch, the publisher, Sir Owen Green, chairman of BTR, broadcaster Ludovic Kennedy, journalist Ferdi-

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Flag-raising fortunes

Consolidated Gold Fields was only missing the balloons at its smart St James's hotel office yesterday morning, where executives and staff were in victorious mood for having seen off (even if only temporarily) the hostile £2.9 billion bid from Minorco. The Union flag, usually reserved for high days and holidays, was ordered to be run up at once. If

chairman Randolph Agnew was looking a little tired, it was because he had been in the office since Sam waiting for the various crucial announcements of the day. "Today was supposed to have been a half-day," Agnew said at 1 pm. Meanwhile, at Minorco the mood was darker. "No, they did not pull out the champagne," I was told.

And Mount and Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT Industries. They were selected as being "people of influence" who understood the weekly's needs and would help in its quest for circulation.



"Madam, you deposited £3 with us at 10 o'clock this morning. It is now 3 o'clock. Exactly how much interest were you expecting?"

## Scotched

There are clearly not enough people left in Scotland — at least to fill directorships of the indigenous banks. The vice-chairmanship of the Royal Bank of Scotland held by Peter Balfour, a former chairman of Scottish & Newcastle, provoked cries of a potential conflict of interest when Elders IXL made its contested bid for S&N. The bank is part of the consortium raising funds for Elders' £1.6 billion bid. The complaints were compounded when it was revealed that Angus Grossart, Scottish financial adviser to S&N, is also a non-executive director of the same bank. So why has Elders not called on Bank of Scotland, the country's other major quoted bank, for funds? Could it be because Alick Rankin, S&N's chief executive, is on its board? "That may have provoked a conflict of interest," admitted Elders' Andrew Cummins.

## Peace of the action

Transcendental meditation has been saddled with the image of being practised by would-be levitators and half-baked hippies since the Beatles took up the practice under the tutelage of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in a blaze of publicity 20 years ago. But the movement, based in Britain at Meantime, Buckinghamshire, is now trying to convince companies that its methods can help reduce stress, absenteeism and illness. (Judging by the absence, through illness, of the usual incumbent of this space I can see why it might be of benefit.) The courses last for up to six months and cost about £1,000 per executive. The hard-pressed corporate types are taught how to relax deeply for 20 minutes at a time, sitting comfortably in a chair, with eyes closed. This apparently allows the body to rest deeply while allowing it to remain alert. But the real benefit of inner calm comes through to the company's health insurance bills, according to TM literature. It quotes one study which discovered that health care use fell by 50 per cent, and by more than two-thirds among individuals over 40 — a not insignificant amount for companies such as General Motors, which spends more on an individual's health care than on the raw materials for one car. A Dutch insurance company now offers a 30 per cent discount to TM users. So far, the TM people say, three British companies have signed up for training.

Rosemary Unsworth

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Energy Air	5%	5%	Pac Gas E	17%	17%	Verity Co	5.85	5.85
Exxon	49%	49%	Pan Am	2%	2%	WCI	16%	16%
French Ind	10%	10%	Pennsy JC	54	55	Western	26	26

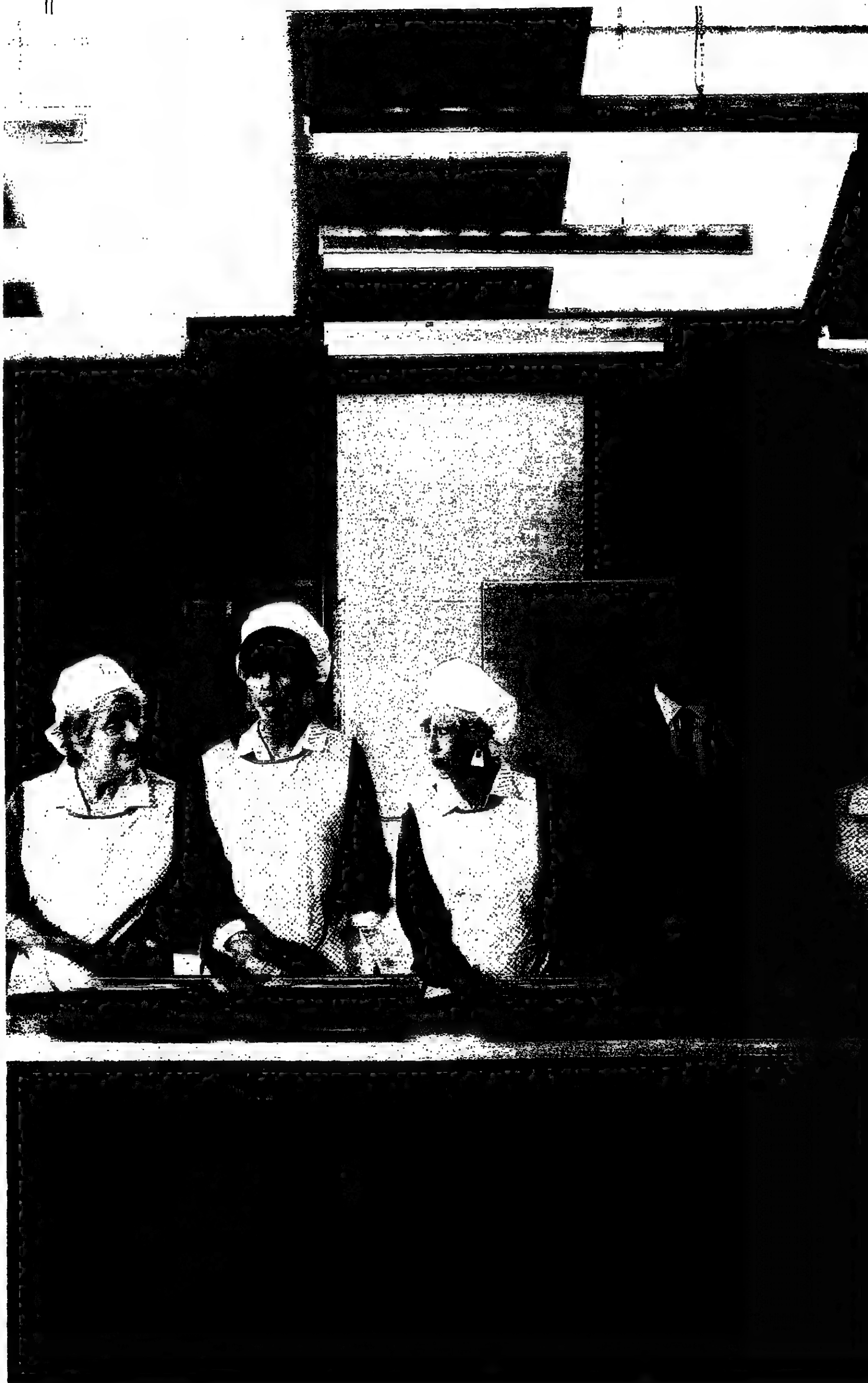
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England







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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 78.2 (day's range 78.0-78.2).				OTHER STERLING RATES	
STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES					
Market rates for October 25					
	Close	1 month	3 month		
New York	1,747.0-1,754.5	1,735.6-1,746.0	0.65-0.50	12.0-1.40	
Moscow	2,729.2-2,740.0	2,716.0-2,724.0	0.35-0.10	0.86-0.40	
Amsterdam	3,535.1-3,544.5	3,526.5-3,540.0	4½-3½p	8½-9½p	
Frankfurt	3,535.0-3,544.0	3,526.0-3,535.0	4½-3½p	8½-9½p	
Geneva	12,081.1-12,134.0	12,061.0-12,094.0	4½-3½p	12½-10½p	
Dublin	1,658.5-1,177.2	1,172.3-1,173.0	48p-30p	40-125p	
London	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2	
Osaka	2,998.0-2,900.0	2,955.0-2,900.0	pe-43p	38-13½p	
Madrid	2,065.5-2,047.0	2,049.7-2,047.0	22-50p	27-47p	
Paris	1,747.0-1,754.5	1,735.6-1,746.0	0.65-0.50	12.0-1.40	
Ottawa	11,674.5-11,707.7	11,651.7-11,687.5	1½-2½p	1½-2½p	
Rome	1,721.0-1,742.0	1,714.8-1,727.9	3½-4½p	10-9½p	
Singapore	1,721.0-1,742.0	1,714.8-1,727.9	3½-4½p	10-9½p	
Tokyo	11,674.5-11,707.7	11,651.7-11,687.5	1½-2½p	1½-2½p	
Vienna	2,065.5-2,047.0	2,049.7-2,047.0	22-50p	27-47p	
Zurich	3,535.1-3,544.5	3,526.5-3,540.0	4½-3½p	8½-9½p	

(Premium = pr. Discount = di.  
 \*London and Amsterdam rates are for 100 sterling.  
 \*Lloyds Bank, London and Barclays Bank, Hong Kong.

## MONEY MARKETS

## DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Inland	1.8525-1.8580	Denmark	5.8990-5.9030	Italy	158.00-153.00
Malaysia	2.0000-2.0070	W Germany	1.7170-1.7855	Saigon (Cont)	37.48-27.50
Malaysia	2.6745-2.6755	Switzerland	1.1715-1.5182	Hong Kong	7.8095-7.8105
Australia	1.2150-1.2160	Japan	165.00-166.00	London	147.00-147.50
Canada	1.2900-1.2910	France	6.5500-6.5550	Paris	117.50-118.00
Sweden	6.2110-6.2180	Netherlands	1.0250-1.1100	Austria	112.50-112.60
Norway	6.5675-6.5725		126.70-126.80		

Rates supplied by Eurobank Bank HOPEX and Esat.

## MONEY MARKETS

**Base Rates / Call Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 12**

**Overnight High 11% Low 7 1/4 Week fixed: 11%**

**Treasury Bills (Discount %)**

1 month	11% 11 1/2	3 month	11% 11 1/2
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**Local Authority Deposits (%)**

2 day	11% 7 day	11% 11% 11%
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## EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	12m	3	6m
Dollar:	3 1/8 - 3 1/8	3 1/8 - 3 1/8	3 1/8 - 3 1/8	3 1/8 - 3 1/8
Call:	3 1/8 - 3 1/8			
Overnight:	4 1/4 - 4 1/4	4 1/4 - 4 1/4	5 1/4 - 5 1/4	5 1/4 - 5 1/4
Call:	4 1/4 - 4 1/4			
French Franc:	8 1/2 - 7 1/2	8 1/2 - 8 1/2	8 1/2 - 8 1/2	8 1/2 - 8 1/2
Swiss Franc:	3 1/4 - 3 1/4	3 1/4 - 3 1/4	3 1/4 - 3 1/4	3 1/4 - 3 1/4
Yen:	4 1/4 - 4 1/4	4 1/4 - 4 1/4	4 1/4 - 4 1/4	4 1/4 - 4 1/4
Call:	3 1/4 - 3 1/4			

## GOLD

**BULLION:**

Open: \$405.75-406.25 Close: \$407.00-407.50  
High: \$407.50-408.00 Low: \$405.75-406.25

**COINS: % Per coin (Ex VAT)**

Swiss	\$419.00-424.00 (\$231.50-241.50)
Kruggerand:	\$406.00-408.00 (\$231.50-233.50)
Mappletand:	\$406.00-408.00 (\$231.50-233.50)
American Eagle:	\$419.00-424.00 (\$231.50-241.50)
New Sovereigns:	\$375.75-75.75 (\$254.50-55.25)
56.75-75.75 (\$254.50-55.25)	
Palmatrix:	\$535.00 (\$205.20)
Palatander:	\$122.50 (\$59.95)
Gold:	\$6.24-6.24 (\$55.35-57.00)

## COMMODITIES

LONDON FUTURE FUTURES											
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# MEDIA & MARKETING

## Why the past calls the shots

**OPINION**  
Mike Reynolds

If you watch commercials on television you cannot have failed to notice how the Sixties are coming back. It seems that a new advertising campaign just can't have tubed it if it doesn't feature a minor hit from the good old days of free love and flared trousers.

Levis has, relevantly, used music of the 1960s to capture and retain the ethos of the era in which the brand became a universal symbol of youth culture. Only slightly less relevantly, Miller Lite uses "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" to dramatise the light taste of the beer.

But at these are two fine exceptions, because generally it doesn't seem to matter whether the product has any relevant link with the decade. British Telecom uses a string of Mersey-side hits to narrate the story of how it is trying its best to make sure all the telephone kiosks are working. Poor old BT ends up, despite its multi-million pound technology, with an image and a tone of voice that is 25 years old.

But for a masterpiece of lack of relevance, watch the Britvic 55 commercial. It is shot in black and white in the style of the 1965 film *The Knack*. It features a blonde in a mini-skirt driving a Sunbeam Alpine sports car. She goes to a party, passing by Carnaby Street. At the party someone is drinking Britvic 55. As a soundtrack we hear Dusty Springfield's "I Only Want to Be With You". There follows a rolling caption which tells us that the girl in the car and various men in raincoats, roll necks and faxes were in orbit of appearance, Sandra Shaw, Eric Burdon, The Tremelows, George Farnham and Dave Dee.

Now what's all that got to do with fruit juice? There's plenty more where that came from. Other unlikely pairings include "I Feel Free" by Cream being used to sell a Renault family saloon, "Dream Lover" promoting

Maltesers, a Shadows' hit used as a backing track for Tango fizzy drinks, a James Brown number used to push Tennents Extra Lager, and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" for Sunmalt raisins.

So what makes the Sixties seemingly such a potent sales tool for advertisers? The vast majority of consumer spending, particularly that which is likely to be affected by advertising, is accounted for by the under-35s, a large number of whom would have been children in the Sixties and therefore little influenced by the emotive or nostalgic appeal of the era.

Maybe, then, the advertising industry is just being the mirror held up to society, reflecting cultural trends that are already happening. Yet I've searched in vain for the Minis painted with Union Jacks, for mopheads, Afghan coats, heavy maccas and "I'm backing Britain" badges. Of course, the 30-year-old tunes are cheap. Yet the music business has always recognized a pile of notes when it sees one, and the more the ad people use more music of the Sixties the more the music people know they can charge more for it.

No, I believe that the explanation for this epidemic of things from the Swinging Sixties is simple. The captains now at the helm of advertising agencies and their creative departments were part of that Woodstock generation. A surprising number of them went into advertising only after failing in the pop world. (Many still play in bands.) Now they're in charge. They can indulge fantasies. Perhaps they should heed the voice of wisdom from the era they admire so much. Dr. Tim Leary, who said: "It was good for a time, then we went so far, we lost it." Hallelujah!

Mike Reynolds is creative consultant to the Pearson Partnership.

## European TV challenges the business

Europe's middle managers could soon be getting their daily financial information from a satellite television, rather than from the *Financial Times* or the *International Herald Tribune*. At least that is the intention of a clutch of leading economics reporters who have defected from British television to the new European Business Channel (EBC).

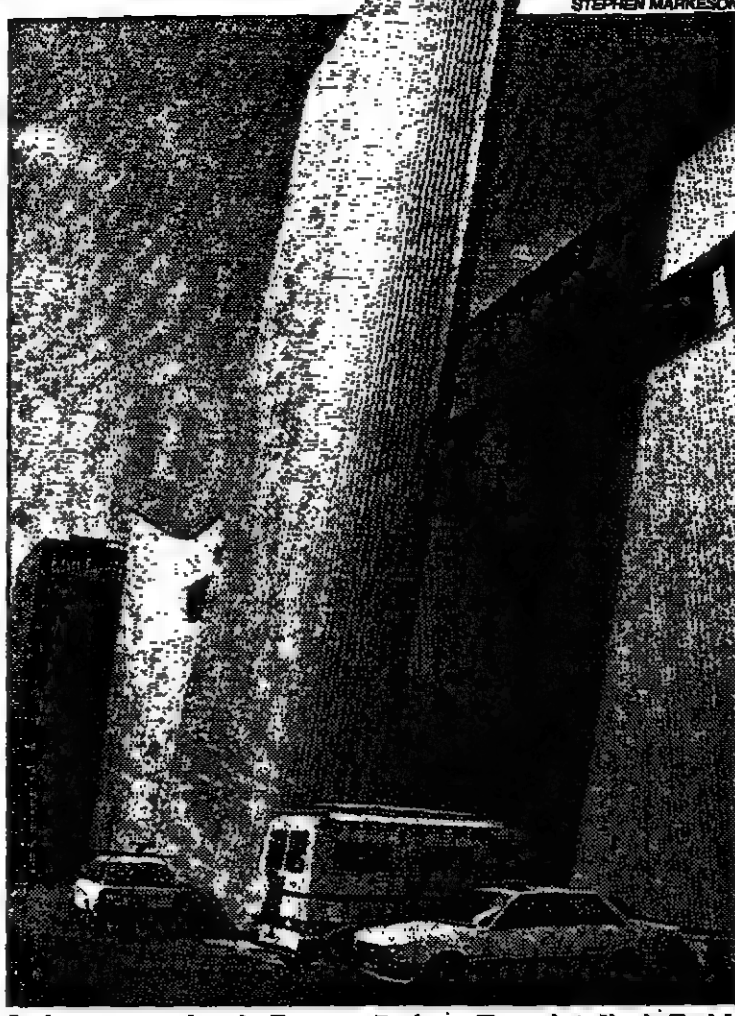
Will Hutton, former economics correspondent for BBC TV's *Newsnight*, is editor-in-chief of EBC, whose first half-hour programme goes out next week in English and German on European cable networks, largely via the Sky satellite. Hutton works in hi-tech offices in the suburbs of Zurich close to the international airport. Appearing on screen in the English version are James Long and Ed Mitchell, formerly economics correspondents of the BBC and ITN respectively. In a journalistic team of 32-10 of whom are English - they have equally impressive German counterparts. EBC is the brainchild of a 49-year-old Swiss media entrepreneur, James Winstorfer, who spied a gap in the market for pan-European financial and business information.

He secured blue chip Swiss backing, and hired a former chairman of the Swiss National Broadcasting Corporation as its head. "It's as if he had recruited Duke Hussey and raised money from the FT and News International," says Hutton, who has a programme budget of 17.95 million Swiss francs (about £7 million) a year. He can afford to have four electronic news gathering (ENG) teams continually on call.

The typical EBC programme is divided into two parts: what Hutton characterises as "the front page of the *Wall Street Journal*" - a lead story, which is "as likely to be political as economic", international headlines, a film report and a review of the European papers; then after the advertisements, the *Financial World Tonight* - a business section, with live satellite leads from world stock markets and business centres, together with company profiles.

This week's film schedule is full of heavyweight names, including the French Finance Minister, Edouard Balladur, and the German Social Democrat leader, Dr Hans-Jochen Vogel.

And who will watch this strange hybrid? Hutton sees his audience as young to middle-aged people who work in any kind of environment that is international. They will have to be up early to see it, though - 5.30am in Britain and 6.30am on the Continent. Subsequently, later editions will be transmitted.



In the money market: the European Business Channel studios in Zurich

## City news by satellite

He believes key political and economic decisions affecting Britain will increasingly be taken in Europe. Not surprisingly, Euro-politicians like Balladur and Vogel have co-operated willingly, their British equivalents rather less so.

"It will end up as a great non-event," predicts Michael Braham, chairman of Broadcast Communications, the public company which produces *Business Daily* at lunchtimes and *The Business Programme* every week for Channel 4. "I'm sceptical that there is a demand for a European-wide information service. If they were talking about a weekly programme of this type, it might work, but the average person going to the office simply wants the business agenda for the day in his own market. The demand is for national programmes for national audiences."

But Hutton counters that such thinking is not only anachronistic but, in business terms, dangerous. "Over the next five years people like us will grow because we're advertisement financed." If they are successful, European production houses such as EBC will be able to spend more, while *Business Daily's* production expenditure is tied to contractual fees from Channel 4.

Hutton says it is significant in this context that another continental business programme, the *Euro Business Weekly*, fronted by another former BBC man, Peter Hobday, on Super Channel, goes out from Hilversum in the Netherlands rather than London.

## HOW EBC WILL GROW

From Thursday next week, 13.8 million households linked to Sky satellite channel will be able to watch EBC's half hour programme with their breakfast in English, and a German version will be available for 1.5 million viewers on a Swiss cable network. From January 2, EBC will also be shown on RTL-Plus, the big German cable operator - another six million viewers. And, starting in the spring, it will also be broadcast direct in English from Sky via the new Astra satellite into as many people's homes as buy the necessary receiving dish.

Such undisciplined rivalry suggests that a European business programme could indeed succeed. Certainly *Business Daily* is moving quickly - next Easter - to take on an additional breakfast slot. Hutton also suggests that Braham is worried that Broadcast Communications, like *Diverse Reports* before it, will lose its exclusive arrangement with Channel 4, as the latter begins to take material from EBC.

Certainly EBC is keen to extend its range beyond the half-hour magazine format. It already intends to provide film reports for Rupert Murdoch's new Sky TV News channel. And an unknown factor is how the BBC's new Financial Unit, under Daniel Jeffries, recruited last year directly from the City, will react.

Advertisers remain to be convinced of EBC's potential. Judy Thomas, international media director of D'Arny Masius Benton & Bowles, says, since there is a market for pan-European business publications, she does not see why a business channel should not succeed. She believes it could draw advertisements from financial service companies, hotel groups, computer houses and luxury goods manufacturers. But, she adds, EBC will have to be very clear what it is doing and have "deep pockets" because this is extremely difficult and costly to do well.

But Richard Dann, international media director of Collett Dickinson Pearce, believes city people will be better able to get what they want early in the morning from print rather than visual media.

## Listings battle hots up

A new style magazine for Soho trendies is taking on *Time Out*

Soho's world of media trends will have its own weekly newspaper with the launch of *Soho News* next Tuesday. Publishers IT Matters - are seemingly undaunted by the number of style and listings magazines already in the youth market.

Ken McKay, the publishing director, has modelled *Soho News* on New York magazines like *Village Voice* and *Spy*. It will be "relentlessly hip" with a lot of music and fashion gossip and the inside track on the right places to be seen in Soho's fast-moving clubland. The magazine will be on sale from dispensers in media watering holes such as Grosvenor and Fred's and two-thirds will be sold through the Central London news trade for £1. This is the same cover price as London's established listings magazine *Time Out*, which sells 85,000.

IT Matters, launching on £500,000, aims for 12 pages of ads in a 48-page issue and has lined-up advertisers like Katharine Hammett, Woodhouse, Baccardi and Carlsberg for the first issue.

*Soho News* is entering a tough market. As well as the *Evening Standard*, several national dailies have London listings. *The Observer* has made an obvious attempt for youth-oriented advertising with Section 5, and *The Sunday Times* launched *London Magazine* three weeks ago.

McKay promises that the paper will not be a bland repeat of parts of other newspapers and magazines. "The title will have edge - it's not glib yuppy stuff. We will have more listings and reviews for Central London than *Time Out*." The first issue will include a feature on 24 hours at Piccadilly, theatres, wine, bars, restaurants and all.

Jo Vale

## Who comes first?

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The client wants it today. The media wants it today. Production wants it now. (Creative, true to form, delivers on time.) It's a tall order but if you're ready you'll have the confidence and charm to cope with such demands. Not to mention a strong desire to join a lively agency threatening to put your talent and flair to the test.

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You'll need lots of qualities, like two years' admin experience in a recruitment advertising agency working on large commercial accounts. If I was to include the usual list that goes into job ads I'd say mature (not to be mistaken for boring) with a cool head but this isn't the time or space.

The best thing to do now is arrange a chat with the Account Director who reckons the rewards are high. Phone Susie Pankhurst at Moxon Dolphin & Kerby to find out more on 01-631 4411.



### PRESS OFFICER

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Applicants must be able to relocate from Sky's W1 offices to Osterley TV centre at the end of '88. Write with full CV and current salary to: Fiona Waters, Director of Press & Publicity, Sky Television, 31-36 Foley Street, London W1P 7LB.

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#### Airtime Sales

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Excellent organisational and word processor skills are required for this new position. Candidates should be self-motivated, be able to work under pressure and a direct mail background would be preferred.

Salary starting on £20,000 rising to £21,175 after completion of training period, with 25 days holiday p.a. and LVE.

For further information and an application form please contact:  
Pam Sipple, Butterworth Scientific Ltd,  
PO Box 83, Westbury House,  
Bury Street, Guildford GU2 5BH  
Telephone 0483 300988

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#### eurovine recruitment Ltd

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## MEDIA & MARKETING

# Clive's third guest test

Clive James faces the old problem of finding some new faces, reports Andro Linklater

When Clive James, newest host on the talk show circuit, launches his programme on November 4, the BBC is confident that it will break new ground. Not for him, the just-published authors, just-opened actresses and just-not-forgotten personalities to be found on Aspel, Wogan and Humphreys.

His executive producer, Elaine Bedell, prefers to call it a discussion programme or an ideas forum rather than a chat show. Although it starts on a low note with the former US Attorney-General, Ed "Sleeze Factor" Meese, in a farewell to the Reagan era, it intends to head for the intellectual heights with the likes of George Steiner, Susan Sontag and Noam Chomsky, among others.

"They will be entertaining and throw up a whole series of original ideas," Bedell promises. "They will not be dry or abstruse."

There are some who will take this enticing prospectus at face value and be grateful for a programme that is not afraid to be intelligent. Others will view it simply as an attempt to solve the problem of the third guest: while the ideal number



All desperately seeking fresh faces: from left, Jonathan Ross, Michael Aspel, Clive James and Terry Wogan

of guests for a 50-minute show is three, there is a shortage of suitable people.

At the first production conference when the host, producer and researchers sift through the list of possible guests, the problem of the third guest may seem trifling. The immediate task is to establish the identity of the big name: Is Joan Collins still publicizing her book? Is Princess Michael available? Then comes the lesser question of whether to slot in beside them Noel Edmonds, Cynthia Payne or James Anderton.

At this point the team hits what seems to be the crucial matter of the mix. At a mundane level this may mean a limit of one author, one bald head or one American each show, but overall the mix is what gives the show its identity. For Jimmy Tarbuck or Gloria Hunniford, the mix leans heavily towards showbiz; Wogan is more eclectic, mixing politicians with sportsmen, actors with authors and a host of others.

It is the researchers' job to assess the suitability of the potential guests. Having read the files and skimmed the books, they interview the candidates to discover whether they fit the mix. Not even Chomsky will escape this ordeal.

"Interviews are always tricky,"

says David Sinclair, a former Wogan researcher. "You need to be able to draw up a list of 20 to 30 questions for Wogan to ask, but you don't want to pump them too hard on the details or they'll have nothing fresh to contribute on the night, and they'll just sound stale."

The arrival of breakfast television, which often resembles a talk show, has compounded the third guest difficulty: no one wants to see the same faces as the competition.

Among researchers who keep an eye on each other's shows, it is often reckoned that the appearance of Thora Hird, as reliable as she is entertaining, is a certain sign of third guest troubles. And when Michael Fish, the weatherman, came on, unkind tongues observed that he must have been the last man left in the building.

"You would not believe how late some people are got hold of," Sinclair admits. "It's a nail-biting business when you're going into a recording on the Friday and there's no third guest on the Thursday."

For most viewers *The Clive James Show* will offer a chance to see whether he extracts as much fun from eggheads as from incontinent Japanese game show contestants. For the professionals, however, the chief interest will be whether he has found a fresh supply of third guests. If he has, there will be a rush to recruit highbrows on to chat shows. If he has not, we can expect to see the austere Sontag flanked by the comforting shape of Hird.

## Soapy future predicted for 'poor relation' BBC

Deregulation of the ITV network will drive the BBC, rather than independent television, down the quiz show route, claims the advertising agency J. Walter Thompson.

Its study of television net income for the year 2000 suggests that it will exceed £6,500 million, with ITV bagging £2,580 million - £1,305 million more than in 1988 and enough, the agency says, to provide high-quality programmes and still make profits.

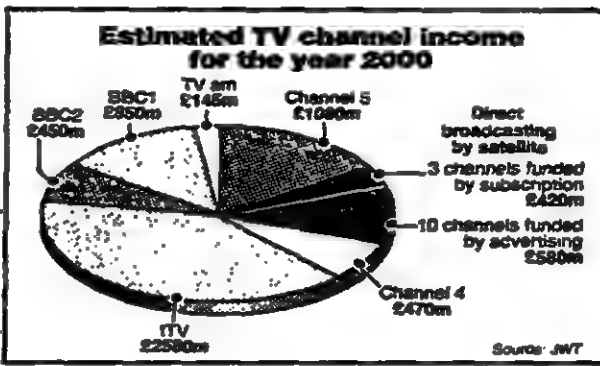
ITV claims that deregulation will reduce income and standards are rejected in a new advertising study

It contends that network protests that deregulation will lead to loss of income and therefore its programme standards is "crying wolf".

In JWP's view of how the money will be divided, ITV's share will be three times the BBC's (derived from licence

several assumptions: ITV and Channel 4's audience share will fall from 51 per cent to 36 per cent; there will be a fifth channel by 1993 - the creation of Channel 5 is tipped to be in the Government white paper on broadcasting; three satellite consortiums will exist; 40 per cent of homes will have satellite dishes by the turn of the century; and there will be an annual growth of 10 per cent.

Susan d'Arcy



## Wright plot thickens

Now that Peter Wright's publisher, William Heinemann, has lost its copyright to *Spycatcher*, as ruled by the House of Lords, it is turning its back on the author. Heinemann (UK) is rushing through a book about the M15 plot against Harold Wilson which follows up Wright's recent retraction of his allegation that 30 members of the security services tried to destabilize Wilson, and also accuses him of being the one who has been economical with the truth.

The tome, *The Wilson Plot*, by David Leigh, is expected to reach the bookshelves by November 7, well before the Government starts toying with the Official Secrets Act. Leigh, the *Observer* associate editor in charge of investigation - otherwise known as "plot correspondent" - says he is prepared for "problems". "There is no doubt the book will be controversial. Admiral Higgins of the D-notice committee has already made three attempts to get hold of the manuscript and even tried to make me take out the names of dead agents." He has not yet succeeded on either count.

Wright isn't too happy about it either. "He complained about my allegation that he hadn't caught any spies when he said he had," Leigh says, "and his lawyer made me take out a reference to his drinking habits."

### Punch line

Punch is to have yet another acting editor while the search continues for a permanent one. Russell Davies, who has been standing in since the sudden departure of David Taylor in September, wants to pursue other literary projects while retaining a contributor.

Enter Stanley Reynolds, currently senior editor, who will take his turn in the editor's chair next Friday. "We are not going to be rushed into appointing an editor," asserts public relations manager Paula Chesterman. "It is not going to be a Clement Freud type appointment. If any applicant has appeared on Radio 4, it will definitely go against him." Meanwhile, after 30 years of loyal service, the cartoonist Michael Heath has been made cartoon editor.

on the fundamental meaning of life, while they, bored out of their minds, make a rush for the door. The Princess of Wales bought that one.

### Briefing...

The yet to be named national Sunday newspaper, founded by former New Society editor David Lipsey, has poached the Mirror Group's financial director, Alan Thompson, to look after the purse strings. The home editor of *The Independent*, Jonathan Fenby, is leaving to become deputy editor of *The Guardian*. Michael Grade's demand that Channel Four listings be moved from *TV Times* to *Radio Times* is generally reckoned to be nothing more than typical Grade bravura. Saturday sees the launch of yet another women's weekly, *This Morning*, to complement Granada Television's eponymous programme. Contrary to our report last week, Countrywide Communications maintain they were celebrating at the PR Week Awards because they won several other awards apart from the Best Use of Research. The *Sunday Express's* Lady Olga Maitland is taking no chances with her bid to enter Parliament. Having announced her willingness to stand for Leon Brittan's old seat of Richmond in Yorkshire, she has now applied for selection for Sir John Biddison's seat of Epping. Jane Slade

### Drawn out

In celebration of the Prince of Wales's 40th birthday, *The Times's* architectural correspondent, Charles Keavitt, has produced a cartoon biography of his life - proceeds will go to the Prince's charity, Inner City Aid. Unfortunately this has not been enough to persuade the Prince, a keen collector of cartoons, to accept an invitation to lend some of his favourites to an exhibition to coincide with the book's launch. So we won't be seeing the original of Mac which features the Prince lecturing the plants in the greenhouse.

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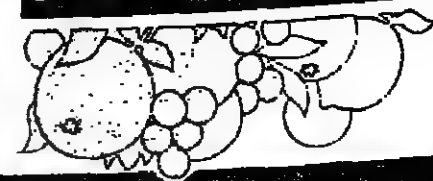
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# Pat's Jester set for repeat

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Pat's Jester, Aston Express, Ballydunrow and Tartan Tailor all standing their ground, today's Ekeballo-Hurdle should ensure a good attendance at Newcastle.

Strictly speaking, the conditions of today's race are tailor-made to suit a horse of the class of Tartan Tailor.

For he won the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham two seasons ago and finished seventh in the Champion Hurdle itself when he returned there in March.

Also, he will be meeting Pat's Jester on 6th better terms compared with when they last clashed in the Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr in April. On that occasion Pat's Jester was victorious with Tartan Tailor three lengths back in third place at level weights.

On this occasion, though, I favour Pat's Jester, who is napped to take the prize north of the border to Dick Allan's Roxburghshire home for the second successive year.

What could easily tip the scales in his favour is his recent form. Neither Tartan Tailor nor today's immensely promising novice Aston Express, whose only defeat last season was at the hands of Kymster at Chepstow, have raced since the spring. However, Pat's Jester has had a couple of runs on the flat recently which have blown away any cobwebs that may have lingered after his summer's rest.

And what is more he showed himself to be in form by winning the second of those at Ayr, just over a fortnight ago.

When he won the corresponding race 12 months ago Pat's Jester beat the 1984 winner, Ballydunrow, by only a short head. On that occasion he was getting a pound from his rival.

Now he has to give him 6lb and Roger Fisher's old war horse is bound to be as hard as nails too after 11 races on the flat this season.

As Gosforth Park seems to bring the best out of

Ballydunrow — he has also finished second in the last four runnings of the Fighting Fifth Hurdle — he seems bound to pose a big threat.

I believe that Pat's Jester, who is six years his junior, has the greater scope for improvement.

Like Pat's Jester and Ballydunrow, Firm Price has also been honed to peak fitness by recent races on the flat, winning his latest at Leicester.

Having ridden Pat's Jester to two of his four victories last season, Firm Price's jockey, Peter Niven, will be only too well aware of what he is up against especially over today's distance of two miles. For Pat's Jester is a distance specialist whereas Firm Price has won over much further.

On last year's form at Chepstow, where he was given 19lb and a length beating, Cliffrida has no earthly chance of beating Pat's Jester.

But the Wolverhampton trial winner Merry Junior,

would not be a pushover at his best. He, however, has not run since that day in February so, like Norton Warrior, he may well be a bit rusty.

With the advantage of that promising first run of the season at Kelso, where he finished third behind High Grey and Oaken, Swift Howe, who captured the Vaux Breweries Novices' Chase final in the spring, is now taken to win the BMW series qualification over the same course and distance at the expense of Four Trix.

Earlier, his stable companions Sir Jester and Dutchman can trigger off a treble for Arthur Stephenson's Bishop Auckland stable by winning the John Eustace Smith Trophy and the Spillers Golden Jubilee Novices' Hurdle respectively.

On the flat at Edinburgh, Blue Bell Music can continue, trainer Jack Berry's record-breaking season by winning the Cury Kirk Nursery under top weight.

## Japanese leave out Tony Bin

Tony Bin is surprisingly not among the four European invitees for the eighth running of the Japan Cup on November 27. The 12-horse contest is one of the world's richest races, with over £500,000 to the winner.

The Japan Racing Association has asked Shady Heights, Infamy and Moon Madness from England, and Hears from France. Tony Bin is first runner-up in the 1988 Highland Challenge and the German horse Kendor.

Tony Bin, a notoriously hot temper, is a likely runner in the Premio Roma on November 13, but it is very surprising that the Japan Racing Association has not invited him. He is a proven winner, out of courtesy if nothing else, he is undoubtedly the best horse among the European nominees.

All four invitees have previously been accepted, although Luca Canevari will not see how infamy performs in the Breeders' Cup Turf before making a decision on her participation at Fuji.

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Acarine, successful in the Bagshot Handicap Chase at Ascot two years ago, chases the same prize on Saturday. The 12-year-old recently won Kempton's Charrisma Gold Cup

## Stewards order dope test on beaten Plumpton favourite

Growing fears that a doping ring may be operating in racing were fuelled at Plumpton yesterday with the dismal performance of odds-on-chance Manhattan Boy.

The locally-trained gelding ran lifelessly and trailed in fifth, beaten 22 lengths, by Silver Cannon in the Dyke Selling Handicap Hurdle.

His jockey, Penny Flitch-Heyes, reported the 11-10 favourite was unusually quiet on the way to the start, an indication that a horse could be under the influence of a drug.

"The only excuse I can offer is that my horse was not at his best," he said. "I was worried about when he kept urinating on the way to the post, and then in the race he was totally lethargic. He ploughed through the first flight of hurdles and was never standing out. It is a total shock, my horse has been working brilliantly at home. He has never run as badly as this."

Manhattan Boy is a course specialist at Plumpton, and all of his victories have come on the tiny Sussex track.

The stewards ordered the six-year-old to be dope-tested and trainer John Flitch-Heyes, Penny's father, is to arrange his own private test.

He had a £1,000 bet on Manhattan Boy and, still shocked by the defeat, said: "I

thought he was a certainty — it was a bad race and he should have won easily. Manhattan Boy has been pulling Penny's arms out at home and working really well. It will be interesting to see what the tests reveal."

Initial speculation that doping rings may be active came with the Cheltenham Gold Cup fail-

ture of the favourite Playshool. His trainer David Barons is still convinced the horse was doped.

To complete an unhappy day for the Flitch-Heyes family, Hettiger refused in the final event, the Newick Novices' Hurdle, won by Operatic Score.

With a clean lead at the final fence, Rowlandson's Jewels, the 13-8 favourite, looked to be heading for a comfortable vic-

tory in the Sheeky's Restaurant Novices' Chase — but then disaster struck.

He veered left jumping the fence, then screwed right on landing, finally losing his hind legs and depositing Graham Bradley on the turf.

The fall of Rowlandson's Jewels cost his trainer, David Murray-Smith, a 100 per cent record — his previous seven runners in chases at the track had all won.

Bradley said: "He had jumped like a buck until then, and may have been distracted by the photographers at the last fence, but they are not blame."

West Country trainer Gerald Ham made it 12 winners from just 20 runners this season when Myliege, confidently ridden by Simon Burroughs, took the Amateur Handicap Hurdle.

Ham, who has a team of 24, bought Myliege from Kevin Prendergast in Ireland last year and wisely spent 7,000 guineas to retain the colt after he won a seller at Ludlow last week.

Desert Orchid will make his reappearance in the Terry Biddlecombe Challenge Trophy Chase at Wincanton tomorrow in preference to a race at Devon on Friday. David Elsworth's popular grey will be ridden by Simon Sherwood.

## Cecil in champion form

Champion trainer Henry Cecil, with over £1.5million in prize money so far this season, sent two runners to Redcar yesterday and gained a favourites' double with Pelcus, 5-2 on, and Opening Verse, who started at 10-1.

Both carried the famous Sheikh Mohammed colours and were partnered by Willie Ryan.

Pelcus, a 100,000 guineas yearling, paid back a fraction of that sum when landing his

owner £734 in the Links Maiden Stakes.

Billy Aldridge, representing Cecil, said: "The idea was to get a win into Pelcus before the end of the season and he did it well."

Opening Verse ran a disappointing race but trainer the Dewhurst but returned to winning form when beating Diamond Appeal by three lengths in the Providence Stakes after drifting in the market from 5-4 on to 11-10.

## Sangster colt eyes Derby

Observation Post, in the style of previous winners Slip Anchor and Legal Bid, swept aside the opposition for the Wharton Manor Stud Stakes at Nottingham yesterday for an unblemished win for Barry Hills and jockey son Michael.

The Robert Sangster-owned colt, who beat icons by four lengths, is already quoted at 25-1 for the 1989 Derby.

## Results from yesterday's three meetings

### Redcar

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## CRICKET

## Joint offer prepared for 1992 World Cup

Melbourne (Reuters) — Australia and New Zealand will submit a detailed proposal to stage the 1992 World Cup in 1992 to the International Cricket Conference on November 10.

"We want to let people know we are very keen to see the World Cup in this part of the world," David Richards, the Australian Cricket Board chief, said yesterday. "We think it would be a very good thing to defend the title we won in 1987 in Australia and New Zealand."

He said the tournament would take place between February and March, with the 24 qualifying games being played in each state capital of Australia and the four major New Zealand grounds. "We have made an agreement the final will be in Australia, but at this stage we have not decided if it would be in Melbourne or Sydney," he said.

The countries announced a feasibility study last November. Richards said the study had shown two other factors, besides the Australian victory, which underlined the two countries' chances of staging the Cup. "Over the past few years there has been a high level of public support for one-day games not involving Australia. The popularity of one-day cricket makes us confident we can stage the competition successfully."

The only other applicant for the 1992 tournament is Pakistan, which jointly staged the 1987 competition with India. It is known that England would like to stage the World Cup again. All bids will be considered at the special meeting of the ICC in January.

## Shell sponsors World Cup

The women's World Cup tournament, which starts in November in Australia, has received sponsorship of £70,000 from Shell.

This will be the fourth World Cup and Australia are favourites to retain their title. Other countries taking part are New Zealand, England, Ireland and The Netherlands.

## Australia penalizes slow play

Melbourne (Reuters) — Australia and West Indies face heavy fines if they fail to bowl 90 overs a day during their five Test matches. The Australian Cricket Board chief executive, David Richards, said that teams would be fined \$500 (£280) for each over under 90 they failed to bowl. Allowances would be made for wickets and time lost through interruptions.

England and West Indies agreed to 90 overs a day without fines during the summer. The battery of West Indian pace bowlers meant that play often continued late into the evening. Richards said: "If the overs are not completed by 6 p.m. the bowling side will have to stay on the field until they have completed the requirement. But the batting side does have the option not to continue batting if it would put them at a disadvantage."

The first Test starts in Brisbane on November 18.

● **DHAKA:** A Pakistani team, led by Javed Miandad, arrived in Bangladesh yesterday for the four-nation Asia Cup tournament, which starts tomorrow (AP reports). Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka will compete for the trophy. Pakistan play Sri Lanka in Dhaka tomorrow.

## BOXING: COMMONWEALTH MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE CONTEST LEFT IN DARK AS ITV AND BBC PLAY SAFE

## Limp excuses by television to steer clear of Benn bout

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

In these uncertain times for Nigel Benn, the only thing he can feel about is giving an opponent a thumping in the ring. Anthony Logan, of Jamaica, will be the one to feel the weight of Benn's hands when the latter defends his Commonwealth middleweight title at the Albert Hall tonight.

But followers sitting near their televisions will not be able to see how Britain's most exciting boxer and world title hope, sets about Logan.

Both ITV and BBC have decided not to show the bout. It will not even be broadcast on BBC radio. According to Mike Barrett, who is promoting the show jointly with Frank Maloney and Terry Marsh, ITV said that it had a Clint Eastwood film which was "more exciting than Nigel Benn". And BBC's view, that Frank Bruno and Lloyd Honeyghan are "more exciting than Nigel Benn".

While there have been better excuses than these for not televising a sporting event, it is more likely that the decision was made on legal grounds.

Benn is in the middle of litigation over contracts with Frank Warren, his manager, and the television companies may have decided to play safe. It is certainly surprising that ITV, whose boxing coverage is excellent, should have seen fit to consider the cigar-chewing film tough guy as more than a match for the unbeaten West Ham boxer.

It could be a fight worth watching tonight if Logan is as

good as his smart talk. He has been talking a good fight and threatening to expose Benn, claiming that the British boxer's opponents have all been "garbage". The description should not upset Benn, who has referred to the 18 he has disposed of inside the distance as "Mexican road sweepers". Only Reggie Miller, of the United States, has lasted more than four rounds with Benn, falling in the seventh.

Logan's record is certainly more impressive than those of most of Benn's victims. Logan was the Continental Americas champion and lost his title on a split decision to a good class boxer, David Noel, of Trinidad. Logan won the gold medal in the Pan-American Games in 1983, defeating Andres Aldama, of Cuba, in the final, though it must be said that the Cuban who lost to Sugar Ray Leonard in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, was past his best by the time he met Logan.

Still, that shows that the challenger has natural ability. Much, however, will depend on how he fares in the opening rounds. If he can negotiate his way past the fourth round and still has much to offer the incoming Benn, he might last longer than the other contenders. There is one doubt about Logan, however. His build is more like a light-middleweight than a middleweight and if he does not carry a deterrent in his hands, Benn, who wastes no time wading in, should dump him like the other "garbage" inside four rounds.

## CYCLING

## Prize lures riders to miss rest day

From Peter Bryan, Yass, New South Wales

To comply with international stage race rules, yesterday was a rest day for the 68 survivors from the 30 starters in the Commonwealth Bank tour. But a city centre race in nearby Canberra, with a \$10,000 first prize, proved too attractive for 40 of the riders to resist.

England had only two representatives, Colin Sturgess, the pursuit rider, and Mark Gornall, who was second on Monday's stage to Goulburn.

Harry Lodge, who is third overall, was kept out of the race to avoid any possible accident. Ben Luckwell was hoping that a rest would help clear up a chest infection and Neil Hoban, a team coxswain, was hoping to protect a split bone in his heel.

Sturgess broke from the gun at the start of the 25 laps (18 miles) and, to his surprise, no one

His lone ride lasted more than half the distance and only on the fifteenth lap did the bunch stir itself into a serious counter-attack. Gian Luca Piroboni, the tour's leading climber, sped away to catch and drop Sturgess, whose long journey at the front had been helped by Gornall's blocking tactics.

Piroboni's lead was short-lived and the riders remained in a bunch dominated by West Germany, with the team refusing to be dislodged at the front in an attempt to get their champion, Raimund Lehner, over the line first.

Their sheer power prevailed. Lehner won, beating Philippe Leleux, the champion, who was having a team coxswain, Hans-Peter Schumacher. Sturgess caught the charge to the line and was content with seventh place.

The 1,200-mile tour resumes today with the 12th stage, a 125 miles from Yass to Wagga Wagga.

RESULTS: Canberra criterium (18 laps): 1. R. Lehner (GER), 2. C. Sturgess (GB), 3. P. Leleux (BEL), 4. M. Gornall (GB), 5. H. Lodge (GB), 6. N. Hoban (GB), 7. S. Schumacher (GER), 8. M. Gornall (GB), 9. S. Schumacher (GER), 10. M. Gornall (GB), 11. S. Schumacher (GER), 12. M. Gornall (GB), 13. S. Schumacher (GER), 14. M. Gornall (GB), 15. S. Schumacher (GER), 16. M. Gornall (GB), 17. S. Schumacher (GER), 18. M. Gornall (GB), 19. S. Schumacher (GER), 20. M. Gornall (GB), 21. S. Schumacher (GER), 22. M. Gornall (GB), 23. S. Schumacher (GER), 24. M. Gornall (GB), 25. S. Schumacher (GER), 26. M. Gornall (GB), 27. S. Schumacher (GER), 28. M. Gornall (GB), 29. S. Schumacher (GER), 30. M. Gornall (GB).

## SWIMMING

## US and Soviets for head to head

Atlanta (AP) — Atlanta has been selected to host the 1989 swimming match between the United States and the Soviet Union. Atlanta was chosen by the site selection committee of US Swimming during the annual Aquatic Sports Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, yesterday.

The match will be held at Atlanta's Emory University from August 25 to 27 next year and it is the first time the United States and the Soviet Union will have met in a head-to-head

situation since 1982. The Dynamo Swim Club, a local affiliate of US Swimming, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, will play host to the teams in conjunction with the Atlanta Organizing Committee for the 1996 Olympic Games, the Atlanta Sports Council, Emory University and Georgia Swimming.

Atlanta won the right to stage the event in competition with Indianapolis, Indiana; West Point, New York; Buffalo, New York; and Wyoming.

Past meetings between the two countries were held in 1978 in Austin, Texas; 1981 in Kiev and 1982 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

● Kevin Boyd, who set British and Commonwealth records at 400 and 1,500 metres freestyle during the Seoul Olympics, has been named as swimmer of the year for the second time in three years.

Boyd, a Newcastle medical student, reached the final at both distances.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

## Barclays League

## First division

Manchester United v Norwich

Newcastle v Middlesbrough

Sheff Wed v Liverpool

Second division

Bradford v Leeds

Brighton v Walsall

Leicester v Swindon (7.45)

WBA v Manchester City

Third division

Chesham v Mansfield

Reading v Bristol R (8.0)

Fourth division

Hereford v Rochdale

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Manchester United (7.0)

OVERSEAS PAPERS COMBINATIONS:

Crystal Palace v Swindon, Oxford v Brighton.

CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING:

SOUTH WEST COUNTRIES LEAGUE (2.0):

Bournemouth v Cardiff, Swansea v Exeter (2.0)

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Semi-final: Glenavon v Drogheda

CLUB CUP: First round: Altrincham v Sutton, First round: Altrincham v Sutton

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## Rugby Union

## TOSHA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Eastern Counties v Kent (5.30pm, 2.30)

Hampshire v Sussex (5.30pm, 2.30)

Oxfordshire v Gloucestershire (5.30pm, 2.30)

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## Rugby League

## STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Second division: Sheffield v York

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League (8.0)

Bristol v Derby: Semi v Crystal Palace

BOULDER: Second round: Plymouth v Plymouth

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Champion's poise: Brian Mitchell in London yesterday (Photograph: James Gray)

## The journeyman champion

By Jonathan Rendall

Brian Mitchell turned up in London yesterday for his eighth bout in his eighth different country since 1987. Britain follows Puerto Rico, Bophuthatswana, Panama, France, Italy, Spain and South Africa.

Most journeyman boxers who travel the world in search of contests tend to be habitual losers or, at best, pay-day seekers. Mitchell is a world champion with four successful defences under his belt. But as a South African, he is forced to defend abroad (his January 4 bout in Johannesburg with Danilo Cabrera was a non-title affair). Therefore, he shares with the journeyman the problem of pay-days: he reckons to have been denied the chance to become a millionaire.

On November 2, at Elephant and Castle leisure centre, Mitchell makes a voluntary defence of his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-lightweight title against Jim McDonnell, of Steepney. Yesterday, he seemed wary of the apartheid issue that McDonnell, his last defence against Jose Rivera in Madrid, incurred the wrath of the Spanish Government.

"I hope the anti-apartheid people realize I did not have to box McDonnell," he said. "I'm giving the home boy a chance."

Jarvis Astaire, the joint promoter of the bill, said he was "totally in favour of the Gleneagles Agreement". That agreement, signed by Commonwealth leaders, aims to "dis-

courage contact and competition between sportsmen and sporting organizations from South Africa". Mitchell says he represents the WBA, not South Africa.

The champion, who will start as favourite against McDonnell, said he lives in "one of the nice suburbs of Johannesburg", where he owns a French restaurant called the Champs Elysees.

Mitchell, when asked to state his position on the apartheid system, said: "I don't think many people in South Africa are for apartheid." He added, with some nervousness, "You say it as far as to say that the state president, P.W. Botha, is against apartheid."

## Why one of Britain's top basketball players is ill at ease

## The game that winged Byrd

By Nicholas Harting

Alan Byrd makes up for his lack of height — in basketball terms — with an eloquence that might stand one of the game's best ever to listen.

There are barely discernible traces of umbrage at the manner in which he parted company with Manchester United and joined the Manchester City basketball club. He is a professional basketball player, and he is a professional basketball player.

With two clubs voluntarily dropping out of the Carlsberg League, the champions of the past two years, and yet two more changing identity, there are only 11 competing at the highest level.

Although Byrd last week collected a special Commonwealth Sports award for his contribution to basketball, it is hardly surprising that he sees little need to rush back to a game which once he has played.

Though only 5ft 9in, the lively guard with the bewitching fingers played for two of the three British clubs ever to make the last eight of the European competition. Crystal Palace in 1981-82 and Manchester United last season. Since then he and United have gone their separate ways — United to become Eagles and Manchester to become United.

Jim McGregor, the Manchester United Football Club physiotherapist, has told him to take it easy, and Byrd is so reluctant to disobey that his retirement is a distinct possibility.

Byrd, who played for Boston Celtics before a faller career ruined his hopes of progress in the NBA.

The National Basketball Association (NBA), earned a degree in economics at Columbia University in New York before making his name in Britain with Palace.

Now from his new home in south Manchester and his smart stockbroker's office in the city centre, it has been easy for him to take a dispassionate view. Considering the sport is still the fastest growing in the schools, Byrd sees the crisis at the top as an anomaly.

"At the bottom level they are doing a better job than when I first got here," he said. "There are probably more kids than ever before playing basketball. And we, people like myself, Steve Bontrager and Russ Saunders, are the ones who helped spawn it, the ones who helped spawn it, the ones who helped spawn it."

The fact that his constant squabbles with the Scottish Basketball Association came much closer to ending Murray's involvement in basketball than any dwindling financial resources does not alter Byrd's belief that the game should be limited.

"They should put a salary cap on each club," he said. "The NBA had to do it in America when they were in trouble; now of their 26 clubs are making a profit."

Because of David Murray's business acumen, the Scottish club, where Byrd acted as player-coach then general manager, never suffered for paymen-

ties. Byrd, who was among their best players, he among them, what they were worth. But Portsmouth, who dangled a small fortune in front of Colin Irish, were among those who put the Scottish club in a bind.

"You need people with experience, who understand the game," Byrd said, "who know people, who are not afraid to tell the people. You need a commissioner, a Gordon Taylor if you like." The Carlsberg League and English Basketball Association would, it appears, do well to take note. If they do, the only two happy to sit down and talk to them, he said.

## FOR THE RECORD

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL) Chicago Bears 10, San Francisco 49ers 5

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## SQUASH RACKETS

SEATTLE: US Open championship: First round: J. H. Hines v J. H. Hines

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## GOLF

## Faldo launches a five-year plan of driving ambition

From Mitchell Platt, Golf Correspondent, Sotogrande

Only one birdie separated the two Open champions as they completed a fascinating duel in the nebulous sunshine here before the start of the Volvo Masters tomorrow.

Yet it was inevitable, with the score 5-5, that Tony Jacklin should hole a putt of 40 feet on the last green at Valderrama to relieve Nick Faldo of a peseta or two.

It has been that kind of a year for Faldo. No one on the world's fairways has attained his peerless consistency: consistent, the golfer has extracted so little in terms of victories for such imperial play.

Faldo might have won the US Open and the US PGA Championship. He defended the Open with style, finishing third. In Europe he was runner-up seven times.

And in 11 successive stroke-play tournaments he did not finish outside of the top 10. Yet his only success came in the French Open.

"To maintain that standard of play all summer has been special," Faldo said. "Winning is the ultimate. I'm delighted to have been in there with a shout week after week."

"I view every tournament, win or lose, as a learning experience. In 12 years as a professional, I've never lost a professional tournament. I've won 12. It's like this, so it has been a marvellous education for me."

"It is very rare for any golfer to be able to step off a plane one week after another and be sure that the swing will be the same. That is the way it has been for me all year."

It was the search for such a swing, and the perfect round of golf, that initially sent Faldo to see the British-born golf teacher, David Leadbetter, in Florida. Faldo's contemporaries were staggered by his decision to dismantle his swing.

Greg Norman pointed out: "You have to admire what Nick set out to do and what he has achieved. It takes a lot of guts to remodel the swing the way he did, and it's not how long a character he is."

The pressure of constantly being in contention has taken its toll. Faldo's season ends here in the south of Spain. But he is drained of energy rather than dejected.

"I see it, hopefully, as the start of five years of unrivalled success for me," he said. "I'm convinced the best is still to come. I know that physically I can be in top shape for 10 years, so if David can keep me on track, my golf can only get more and more solid."

"Quite honestly, I was ready to stop playing two months ago. It was only by setting this tournament as a target to end the year that I have been able to

keep myself going. They wanted me to go down to Australia next month but I had to say no. I must rest."

"The tournaments down there are not going to improve my standing in the world, which must come first as far as my golf is concerned."

Faldo is in the privileged position of being able to pick and choose. He might have only three victories to his credit in four transitional years but contracts with companies like Pringle, Stylo and Wilson have helped to accelerate his annual income to about £2 million.

The time is right to go for it in America, he said. "I've mapped out a programme of three-week raids. I've got to do it on my own, and in that way, because my wife, Gill, is expecting our second child in March. My family must come first, and that is the bottom line, but I would love to be No. 1 in the States."

That is the aim for 1989, plus, of course, another major championship win, especially after only being beaten in a play-off for the US Open by Curtis Strange.

Faldo aims to move into his winter recess as the Volvo Masters champion. He has been here since Friday researching the course that he has never played.

When he returns home he will start a designer fitness programme at a gymnasium close to his Ascot home. "If you are physically weak it can weigh you down naturally," he added.

"The legs begin to drag and the head drops."

"I won't be running because that can damage the back. But I will work out regularly at the gym, swim in my own pool and ride a computer bike."

"Keeping the feel in your arms and hands is important, so I prefer exercises aimed at keeping me loose around the neck and shoulders, where I can get stiff, and those that strengthen my back and legs. If you want Popeye arms then you can hit 50 balls a day out of thick rubber with a seven-iron."

Faldo has handled with increasing maturity the high-profile lifestyle created by his Open Championship triumph at Muirfield 15 months ago. He has learned that there is no back-door escape when a sportsman is anointed by such success.

His appearances in Europe next season will be limited, as he seeks to satisfy his hunger for victories on the US tour, where he will start at the Phoenix Open in January, but he will fulfil his nine-tournament commitment.

"Then there is the Ryder Cup," he added. "We've all got to be looking forward to that."

## Gainsborough pair equal the record

From Simon O'Hagan, Freeport, Grand Bahama

Yet another round of measured golf ensured a comfortable victory for Gary Stafford, the Gainsborough professional, and Paul Burgess, the amateur, in the final of the Hennessy Cognac national pro-am championship here yesterday.

With a final round of 69, three under par, to follow a 62 and a 68, Stafford and Burgess equalled the tournament record total for three rounds of 199, 17 under par, to give them victory by five strokes over Plesington, the Lancashire club, in second spot. Stafford, third in this tournament last year, and a PGA Cup player, won £3,000.

The Emerald Course at the Princess Country Club is as dangerous as it is beautiful. The trees and thick undergrowth along its fairways are almost impossible to clear unimpeded: there are bunkers everywhere.

And yesterday, after a thunderstorm had stopped play for an hour, a gusting wind added a further test.

With a five stroke lead overnight none of this seemed to bother Gainsborough, whose five birdies between the second and eighth holes put the result beyond all doubt.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Gainsborough's success was the way the players worked together. Stafford was as good at giving advice as Burgess

was at taking it. Burgess, aged 23, now returns to Durham University to resume his Masters degree in physics. Stafford, aged 26, has fatherhood to look forward to. His wife Linda is expecting their first child in January.

For Plesington, Michael Barratt, the amateur, gave the bravest performance of the tournament in which he played throughout with an injured arm and four stitches in his face after being involved in a road accident last week. In joint third place, three strokes behind Plesington were Charlie Cox and David Hancock, from West Essex. Kevin Spurgeon and Simon Clapp, from Shirehampton Park, Bristol, and Russell Weir and Sandy Sands, from Covey.

Final scores (professionals' names first): 199, Gainsborough (G Stafford and P Burgess), 62, 68, 69; Plesington (P Burgess and G Stafford), 66, 67, 67; West Essex (C Cox and D Hancock), 71, 66, 70; Covey (R Weir and S Sands), 66, 74, 67; Shirehampton Park (K Spurgeon and S Clapp), 70, 72, 68; Shirehampton Park (M Barratt), 71, 64, 74; 218; Gainsborough (G Stafford and P Burgess), 71, 70, 72; 219; Plesington (P Burgess and G Stafford), 72, 70, 77; 219; West Essex (C Cox and D Hancock), 71, 66, 70; 207; Shirehampton Park (K Spurgeon and S Clapp), 70, 72, 68; 210; Shirehampton Park (M Barratt), 71, 64, 74; 219; Gainsborough (G Stafford and P Burgess), 71, 70, 72; 219; Plesington (P Burgess and G Stafford), 72, 70, 77; 219; West Essex (C Cox and D Hancock), 71, 66, 70; 207; Shirehampton Park (K Spurgeon and S Clapp), 70, 72, 68; 210; Shirehampton Park (M Barratt), 71, 64, 74; 219; Gainsborough (G Stafford and P Burgess), 71, 70, 72; 219; Plesington (P Burgess and G Stafford), 72, 70, 77; 219; 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